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### **ACTS AND RESOLVES**

AS PASSED BY THE

# Ninety-eighth Legislature

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### STATEOFMAINE

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### PUBLIC LAWS

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1957

**CHAP. 404** 

PUBLIC LAWS, 1957

#### Chapter 403

AN ACT Relating to State Tax Assessor's Records Under Blueberry Tax Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 16, § 245-A, additional. Chapter 16 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 245-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 245-A. Character of the Assessor's records. Neither the Assessor nor any employee engaged in the administration of sections 238 to 249, inclusive, or charged with the custody of any such records or files shall be required to produce any of them for use in any action or proceedings except in behalf of the Assessor, in an action or proceeding under the provisions of sections 238 to 249, inclusive, to which the Assessor is a party, or in behalf of any party to any action or proceeding under the provisions of sections 238 to 249, inclusive, when the records or files or the facts shown thereby are directly involved in any such action or proceedings.'

Effective August 28, 1957

### Chapter 404

AN ACT Relating to Compensation for Total Incapacity Under Workmen's Compensation Act.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 31, § 11, amended. The 1st sentence of section 11 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 387 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is total, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to 2/3 his average weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than \$30 \$35 nor less than \$15 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 500 weeks from the date of the accident, nor the amount more than \$12,000 \$14,000.'

- Sec. 2. R. S., c. 31, § 12, amended. Section 12 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 387 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 12. Compensation for partial incapacity. While the incapacity for work resulting from the injury is partial, the employer shall pay the injured employee a weekly compensation equal to 2/3 the difference, due to said injury, between his average weekly wages, earnings or salary before the accident and the weekly wages, earnings or salary which he is able to earn thereafter, but not more than \$30 \$35 a week; and in no case shall the period covered by such compensation be greater than 300 weeks from the date of the accident.'

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CHAP. 405

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 31, § 15, amended. The 1st sentence of section 15 of chapter 31 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 387 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'If death results from the injury, the employer shall pay the dependents of the employee, wholly dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of his accident, a weekly payment equal to 2/3 his average weekly wages, earnings or salary, but not more than \$30 \$35 nor less than \$15 a week, from the date of death for a period ending 300 weeks from the date of the accident, and in no case to exceed \$9,000 \$10,500.'

Sec. 4. Effective date. This act shall become effective on November 30, 1957.

Effective November 30, 1957

### Chapter 405

AN ACT Revising the General Laws Relating to Municipalities.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. I. R. S., c. 90-A, additional. The Revised Statutes are hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, to be numbered 90-A, to read as follows:

#### 'CHAPTER 90-A.

General Provisions Relating to Municipalities.

Section 1. Definitions.

Sections 2-11. Creation, General Powers and Duties of Municipalities.

Sections 12-23. Municipal Finance.

Sections 24-29. Accounting System and Postaudit.

Sections 30-36. Town Meeting.

Sections 37-39. Secret Ballot, Inspection, Recount.

Section 40. Annual Report.

Sections 41-56. Municipal Officials.

Section 57. Municipal Records Corrected.

Sections 58-60. City Officials, Warrant, Ward Limits.

Sections 61-63. Municipal Development.

Sections 64-65. Regional Development.