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SPECIAL SESSIONS

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Chapter 429

AN ACT Providing for Use of Photostatic Reproduction of Records as Evidence.

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

R. S., c. 113, § 146, amended. The first sentence of section 146 of chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 264 of the public laws of 1955, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'If, in the regular course of any business or governmental activity, there is kept or recorded any memorandum, writing, entry, print, representation or combination thereof, of any act, transaction, occurrence or event, and in the regular course of any such business or governmental activity, causes any or all of the same to be recorded, copied or reproduced by any photographic, photostatic, microfilm, micro-card, miniature photographic or other process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for so reproducing the original, such reproduction or copy, when satisfactorily identified, is as admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding whether the original is in existence or not and an enlargement or facsimile of such reproduction or copy is likewise admissible in evidence if the original reproduction or copy is in existence and available for inspection under direction of court.'

Effective April 17, 1964

Chapter 430

AN ACT Providing for an Additional Medical Examiner for York County.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 243, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 243 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 175 of chapter 417 of the public laws of 1961 and amended by chapters 79 and 167 of the public laws of 1963, is further amended to read as follows:

'The number of medical examiners so to be appointed shall be as follows: For the Counties of Knox, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc and Waldo, 2 each; for the Counties of Franklin, Hancock, Lincoln and Somerset, 3 each; for the Counties of Kennebec, Oxford and Washington and York, 4 each; for the Country Counties of Androscoggin and York, 5; for the Counties of Aroostook, Cumberland and Penobscot, 7 each; and they shall be appointed with reference to territorial distribution.'

Effective April 17, 1964

Chapter 431

AN ACT Relating to False Alarms and Reports Made to Municipal, County and State Departments.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, under the present statutes there is no law governing false reports and alarms to state and county law enforcement departments; and

Whereas, such false reports and alarms have been made to such departments without such departments having authority to act; and

Whereas, such false reports and alarms are dangerous to the welfare and public safety of the people of Maine; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent such false reports and alarms; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 136, § 16, repealed and replaced. Section 16 of chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 217 of chapter 402 of the public laws of 1963, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 16. False alarms and reports to municipal, county and state departments. Whoever calls out or makes a false report to any fire department, police department, State Police Department, sheriff's department or any state law enforcement agency or other municipal department or state department, or any portion or persons thereof, by giving a false alarm, call or report, knowing it to be false, to such department, or to any officer, member or employee thereof by any means whatsoever or knowingly and willfully causes to be given by any means whatsoever, any such false alarm, call or report, when such offense is of a high and aggravated nature, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years; but when such offense is not of a high and aggravated nature, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective January 17, 1964

Chapter 432

AN ACT to Correct an Inconsistency in the Educational Foundation Program Allowance and Providing for Supplemental Payments of 1963 and 1964 Educational Subsidies for Various Special Programs.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the 101st Legislature updated the per pupil allowances of the foundation program in compliance with the intent expressed in chapter 41, section 237-D of the Revised Statutes of 1954, as amended; and

Whereas, the 101st Legislature changed the method of computing the foundation program by changing from average daily membership to resident average daily membership; and