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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE  
**One Hundred and Fourth Legislature**

AT THE  
**SPECIAL SESSION**

January 6, 1970  
to  
February 7, 1970

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## Chapter 559

### AN ACT Relating to Judicial Divisions of the District Court.

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

Whereas, the county attorney for Franklin County has no jurisdiction in Androscoggin to handle criminal cases allegedly committed in Franklin County; and

Whereas, cases which should logically be returnable to District Court number 12 are being held at Livermore Falls; and

Whereas, in order to prevent such complication and further confusion in recording civil cases the following legislation is vitally necessary; 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., T. 4, § 153, sub-§§ 1 and 10, amended.** Subsections 1 and 10 of section 153 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 501 of the public laws of 1969, are further amended to read as follows:

**1. Northern Androscoggin.** Northern Androscoggin consists of the municipalities of Leeds, Livermore, Livermore Falls and Turner, in the County of Androscoggin ~~and Jay, in the County of Franklin.~~ For the purpose of criminal business solely, the municipality of Jay, located in the County of Franklin, shall be deemed to be within the District of Northern Androscoggin. The District Court for Northern Androscoggin shall be held at Livermore Falls.

**10. Franklin.** Franklin consists of the entire County of Franklin, ~~except the municipality of Jay~~ excepting therefrom the municipality of Jay for the purpose of criminal business solely. Said district shall include the municipality of Jay for the purpose of all civil business. The District Court of Franklin shall be held at Farmington.

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

Effective February 2, 1970

## Chapter 560

### AN ACT Increasing Burial Expenses Under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

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

**R. S., T. 39, § 59, amended.** Section 59 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 59. Burial expenses

If the employee dies as a result of the injury, the employer shall pay, in addition to any compensation and medical benefits provided for in this Act, the reasonable expenses of burial, not to exceed ~~\$450~~ \$1,000 and in addition thereto a payment in the sum of \$1,000 to the next of kin as incidental compensation.

Effective May 9, 1970

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## Chapter 561

### AN ACT Creating the Maine Postassessment Insurance Guaranty Association.

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

R. S., T. 24-A, c. 57, sub-c. III, additional. Chapter 57 of Title 24-A of the Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new subchapter III to read as follows:

#### SUBCHAPTER III

#### MAINE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION

§ 4431. Short title

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association Act.

§ 4432. Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to provide a mechanism for the payment of covered claims under certain insurance policies to avoid excessive delay in payment and to avoid financial loss to claimants or policyholders because of the insolvency of an insurer, to assist in the detection and prevention of insurer insolvencies, and to provide an association to assess the cost of such protection among insurers.

§ 4433. Scope

1. Application. This subchapter shall apply only as to the following kinds of insurance:

- A. Property insurance, as defined in section 705;
- B. Surety insurance, as defined in section 706;
- C. Casualty insurance, as defined in section 707; and