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ture, shall prepare estimates of the sums necessary to defray the expenses which have accrued or may probably accrue ~~for one year from said day for the coming year~~, including the building and repairing of jails, courthouses and appurtenances, with the debts owed by their counties and like estimates for the succeeding year, and after newspaper notice, written notices of which shall be transmitted by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested to the clerk of each municipality in said county and to each member of the Legislature of said county, hold a public hearing thereon in the county, **prior to December 20th**, and the county tax for both said years shall be granted by the Legislature separately at the same session.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 252, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 252 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 541 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

A copy of such estimate shall be distributed to each municipality in said county and to each member of the legislative delegation of said county, at least 10 days prior to meeting of December 20th.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 252, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 252 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 541 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

Copies of such forms shall be transmitted to the county commissioners of each county by the office of the Secretary of State no later than ~~November 10th~~ **October 10th** of each biennium.

Prior to the convening of the Legislature, the county commissioners of each county shall meet with the respective county legislative delegation to finalize estimates for each year of the biennium.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 30, § 253, amended. The 2nd sentence, as enacted by chapter 162 of the public laws of 1965, and the last sentence, both of section 253 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, are amended to read as follows:

A copy of said estimates shall be transmitted by registered mail by the county commissioners to each municipality in their respective counties on or before ~~the first day of each February in which the Legislature meets~~ **the 20th day of December in the year prior to convening of the Legislature.** A copy thereof shall be signed by the chairman of the county commissioners and attested by their clerk, who shall transmit it to the office of the Secretary of State on or before the ~~15th~~ **20th** day of each ~~February~~ **January** in which the Legislature meets, together with the county reports for the 2 preceding years, to be by him laid before the Legislature.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 381

AN ACT Expanding the Definition of "Mentally Ill Individual" to Permit Hospitalization of Persons Suffering from the Effects of the Use of Drugs.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2251, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 2251 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

5. **Mentally ill individual.** "Mentally ill individual" means an individual having a psychiatric or other disease which substantially impairs his mental health. For the purposes of this chapter, the term "mentally ill individual" does not include mentally retarded or sociopathic individuals, but does include individuals suffering from the effects of the use of drugs, narcotics, hallucinogens or intoxicants, including alcohol.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 382

AN ACT Relating to Use of Electronic Recording Equipment in the District Court.

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

R. S., T. 4, § 651, amended. Section 651 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

The Supreme Judicial Court may prescribe rules, requirements and regulations, not inconsistent with this Title or other laws of the State, which will insure the production of a readable record of proceedings before the District Court by means of electronic recording equipment.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 383

AN ACT Permitting the Establishment of an Indian Island Penobscot School Committee.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 4774-A, additional. Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 4774-A, to read as follows:

§ 4774-A. Indian Island Penobscot School Committee

The Penobscot Tribe of Indian Island is authorized to establish a school committee of not more than 5 members on its reservation to exercise guidance and supervision of its school. Residents of the Penobscot Indian reservation shall by popular election elect persons to the school committee in the same manner and subject to the terms of office provided in Title 20, section 472. The responsibilities and duties of the school committee shall be the same as those provided for administrative units under Title 20, section 473.

The Commissioner of Education shall appoint a superintendent of schools who shall serve in this office in the same legal capacity as any other public school superintendent.