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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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Chapter 500

AN ACT Relating to School Construction Aid.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 3457, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 3457 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 475 of the public laws of 1965, and as amended by chapter 365 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding at the end the following 2 new sentences:

Any administrative unit not previously eligible for school construction aid for capital outlay purposes under this paragraph shall now be eligible for aid for any project authorized by the unit if school building plans and specifications were approved by the commissioner after July 1, 1969. Construction aid reimbursements on these projects shall be limited to payments made after January 1, 1972.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 3457, amended. The 10th paragraph of section 3457 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The per pupil valuation of each municipality shall be determined as provided in section 3732. The commissioner shall establish the applicable percentage for each eligible unit from the formula in Table II on January 1st of the year in which the Legislature convenes in regular session. The percentage thus determined shall be applicable for the next 2 fiscal years of the State, July 1st to June 30th.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 3457, amended. All of Table II of section 3457 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 475 of the public laws of 1965 and as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

TABLE II

The percentage of state aid for each municipality shall be determined by dividing the median state per pupil valuation by the state per pupil valuation of the municipality and multiplying the result by 40%. No administrative unit may qualify for more than 85% nor less than 15% school construction aid. The construction aid on any project shall be frozen at the rate which was in existence at the time the project was approved by the governing body of the administrative unit.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 20, § 3458, sub-§ 5, additional. Section 3458 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 10 of chapter 224 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 11-A of chapter 589 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended by adding a new subsection 5 to read as follows:

5. Area needs. Each construction project approved in single-town administrative units shall be approved or disapproved for construction aid by the board on the basis of whether or not the construction project is consistent with the total school construction needs of the area where the unit is located.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 501

AN ACT Establishing a Human Rights Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, part 10, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new part 10, to read as follows:

PART 10

HUMAN RIGHTS

CHAPTER 317

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

SUBCHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 4551. Title

This Act may be known and cited as the **Maine Human Rights Act**.

§ 4552. Policy

To protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is declared to be the policy of this State to keep continually in review all practices infringing on the basic human right to a life with dignity, and the causes of such practices, so that corrective measures may, where possible, be promptly recommended and implemented; and to prevent discrimination in employment, housing or access to public accommodations on account of race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin and in employment, discrimination on account of age.

§ 4553. Definitions

As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings:

1. Commission. "Commission" means the Maine Human Rights Commission established by this Act.