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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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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. 34, § 2953, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2953 to read as follows:

§ 2953. Residency beyond the age of 18 years

Any child in residence at the Military and Naval Children's Home, who at the expiration of his or her minority is a participant in an educational or vocational training program, the interruption or cessation of which will be caused by discharge from the home, may, with the approval of the superintendent, voluntarily elect to remain in residence at the home until completion of all or part of such educational or training program.

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

Effective May 3, 1973

CHAPTER 294

AN ACT to Increase the Authorized Bonding Limit of the Maine State Housing Authority.

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

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, the Maine State Housing Authority issued bonds in March of 1972 in the amount of \$19,740,000; and

Whereas, the proceeds of the first bond issue have, for all practical purposes, been fully and successfully committed to the purposes for which they were obtained; and

Whereas, without an increase in the authorized bonding capacity, the housing authority will be without funds to continue its statutory duty of providing low interest money to the State's mortgage market and thereby encouraging and stimulating the use of all manner of programs and plans for bringing adequate housing to the citizens of Maine; and

Whereas, the Federal Government has announced informally that its housing effort will soon be curtailed, thereby placing more immediate burdens on the State's own capital market which an infusion of funds from the Maine State Housing Authority could significantly alleviate; 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. 30, § 4762, amended. Section 4762 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 18 of chapter 470 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4762. Limitations

The state authority shall not at any time have, in the aggregate principal amount thereof outstanding, obligations in excess of ~~\$20,000,000~~ \$60,000,000.

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

Effective May 3, 1973

CHAPTER 295

AN ACT Relating to Credibility of Witnesses.

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

R. S., T. 16, § 56, amended. Section 56 of Title 16 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 56. Prior conviction as affecting credibility

No person is incompetent to testify in any court or legal proceeding in consequence of having been convicted of an offense, but conviction of a felony, any larceny or any other crime involving moral turpitude may be shown to affect his credibility, provided that less than 15 years have transpired since said conviction and less than 10 years have transpired since termination of any incarceration period therefor.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 296

AN ACT Allowing Municipalities to Insure Against Personal Liability of Their Officers, Officials and Employees.

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

R. S., T. 30, § 5102, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 5102 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows: