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vided in this section, but the county shall compensate the municipality for that amount paid to the police officer or constable for his attendance at court.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 302

AN ACT Relating to Vacation Pay for County Employees.

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

R. S., T. 30, § 801, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 801 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

The county commissioners may establish reasonable office hours for offices in the county building and provide for a county pay scale for clerical help, with paid vacations of 2 weeks per year after at least a year's service and with paid vacations of 3 weeks per year after at least ~~4~~ 10 years' service.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 303

AN ACT Changing Name of Administrative Hearing Office to Administrative Court.

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

Whereas, the cumbersome titles "Administrative Hearing Office" and "Administrative Hearing Commissioner" are vague and confusing to the tens of thousands of persons governed by the Administrative Code and to the general public; and

Whereas, persons whose professional and business licenses are in jeopardy should be entitled to have their cases heard and adjudged by a "court" rather than a "hearing office;" and

Whereas, in view of the serious nature of the cases heard by this tribunal, it is in the best interest of the general public and of the business and professional persons whose livelihood is involved, to dignify the subject office with the more appropriate titles of "Administrative Court" and "Administrative Court Judge;" 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:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 2301, sub-§ 4, repealed and replaced. Subsection 4 of section 2301 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

4. **Administrative Court Judge.** "Administrative Court Judge" means Administrative Court Judge appointed under section 2401.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 2401, amended. The first paragraph of section 2401 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 507 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The Administrative Court, as heretofore established, shall be under the supervision of the Administrative Court Judge. The Administrative Court shall be a court of record and the Administrative Court Judge shall establish a seal.

Sec. 3. **Amendatory clause.** Wherever in the Revised Statutes or in the public laws the words "Administrative Hearing Office" and the words "Administrative Hearing Commissioner" appear, they shall mean "Administrative Court" and "Administrative Court Judge," respectively.

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

Effective May 3, 1973

CHAPTER 304

AN ACT to Clarify Municipal Home Rule Procedures.

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

R. S., T. 30, § 1914, sub-§ 1, amended. The first paragraph of subsection 1 of section 1914 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 563 of the public laws of 1969, and as amended by section 1 of chapter 362 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The municipal officers may determine that amendments to the municipal charter are necessary and, by order, provide for notice and hearing on them in the same manner as provided in subsection 4, paragraph A. Within 7 days after the hearing, the municipal officers may order the proposed amendment to be placed on a ballot at the next regular municipal election held not less than 30 days after the order is passed; or they may order a special election to be held not less than 30 days from the date of the order for the purpose of voting on the proposed amendments.

Effective October 3, 1973