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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

AS PASSED BY THE

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20. Improper voting. A person who votes or attempts to vote knowing that he is not eligible to do so, or who having once voted either within or without this State, again votes or attempts to vote at the same election;

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 415

AN ACT to Make the Maine Human Rights Act Substantially Equivalent to Federal Statutes.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 4553, sub-§ 6, ¶ C, repealed and replaced. Paragraph C of subsection 6 of section 4553 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 501 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

C. The rental of any dwelling owned, controlled or operated for other than a commercial purpose, by a religious corporation to its membership unless such membership is restricted on account of race, color or national origin.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 4612, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 4612 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 501 of the public laws of 1971, is amended by adding at the end 3 new sentences to read as follows:

In conducting an investigation, the commission or its designated representative shall have access at all reasonable times to premises, records, documents, individuals and other evidence or possible sources of evidence and may examine, record and copy such materials and take and record the testimony or statements of such persons as are reasonably necessary for the furtherance of the investigation. The commission may issue subpoenas to compel access to or production of such materials, or the appearance of such persons and may issue interrogatories to a respondent, to the same extent as subpoenas or interrogatories issued or served in aid of a civil action in the Superior Court. The commission may administer oaths.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 416

AN ACT to Authorize the Investment by Savings Banks in Real Estate for Purposes of Historic Preservation.

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

R. S., T. 9, § 582, amended. Section 582 of Title 9 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 18 of chapter 401 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

§ 582. Acquisition

Savings banks may acquire real estate or interests in real estate by mortgage foreclosure, purchase or any other means, and may hold the same for investment purposes and may improve, develop, lease, contract, convey and otherwise deal with the same. Investments pursuant to this chapter shall be restricted to such as promote the development of housing for lower-income families under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 and amendments thereto or such as promote the preservation or restoration of historically or architecturally significant buildings or structures.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 417

AN ACT Relating to the Appointment of Active Retired Judges of the District Court.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 157, amended. The last sentence of section 157 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed as follows:

~~Sections 103 and 104, as heretofore or hereafter amended, now applicable to Justices of the Superior Court, are made applicable to Judges of the District Court~~

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 4, § 157-A, additional. Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 157-A to read as follows:

§ 157-A. Compensation upon retirement

Any Judge of the District Court who resigns his office or ceases to serve at the expiration of any term thereof, after attaining the age of 70 years and after having served as such judge for at least 7 years, or after attaining the age of 65 years and after having served as such judge for at least 12 years, shall receive annually during the remainder of his life an amount equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the currently effective annual salary of a Judge of the District Court, to be paid in the same manner as the salaries of the judges of said court are paid. Such judge shall terminate his service before his 71st birthday. Any judge who continues to serve until or after his 71st birthday shall waive his right to the compensation mentioned and make no claim therefor at the termination of his service. The right of any judge drawing such compensation to continue to receive it shall cease immediately, if he acts as attorney or counsellor in any action or legal proceeding in which the State is an adverse party or has any interest adverse to the person or persons in whose behalf he acts.

If such judge dies in office, or has heretofore died in office, his widow, as long as she remains unmarried, or if he leaves no widow, or at her death or remarriage, then his child or children under the age of 18 years and until they respectively reach their 18th birthday, shall annually be entitled to $\frac{3}{8}$ of