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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature
1ST SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 2, 1974 TO MARCH 29, 1974
AND BY THE
One Hundred and Seventh Legislature
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 1, 1975 TO JULY 2, 1975

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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY
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PUBLIC LAWS
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SPECIAL SESSION

January 2, 1974

to

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The department is also authorized to pay the costs of issuance of food stamps from its existing appropriations for general assistance or from other available funds.

There shall be established as of July 1, 1974 a state-wide food stamp program in accordance with this section.

The State shall pay $\frac{2}{3}$ and each county shall pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of the administrative costs for the operation of the program in said county, exclusive of the direct costs of issuance of stamps.

The department is authorized to determine the costs of administration for the counties and to enter into any necessary contracts or agreements with the counties for the purposes of this section.

The counties shall pay their share of the costs of their program by making advance quarterly payments to the Department of Health and Welfare.

Sec. 2. Authorization. The county commissioners of the several counties shall be authorized to borrow funds to operate and administer such a program for the year 1974-75.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$550,374 to cover administration costs of certifying eligibility under section 1 of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1974-75

HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration of state-wide food stamp program

Personal Services	(180)	\$475,706
All Other		53,334
Capital Expenditures		21,334
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		\$550,374

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

Effective February 8, 1974

CHAPTER 675

**AN ACT Permitting the Supreme Judicial Court
to Modify the Rules of Evidence.**

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

R. S., T. 4, § 9-A, additional. Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 9-A to read as follows:

§ 9-A. Power to prescribe rules of evidence

The Supreme Judicial Court shall have the power and authority to prescribe, repeal, add to, amend or modify rules of evidence with respect to any and all civil actions or other proceedings, and any and all proceedings in criminal cases before complaint justices, District Courts, probate courts, Superior Courts and the Supreme Judicial Court.

Such rules shall take effect on such date not less than 6 months after their promulgation as the Supreme Judicial Court may set. After their promulgation, the Supreme Judicial Court may repeal, amend, modify or add to such rules from time to time without a waiting period. After the effective date of said rules as promulgated or amended, all laws in conflict therewith shall be of no further force or effect.

Effective June 28, 1974

CHAPTER 676

AN ACT to Provide for Continuation of Service by Cable Television Systems, to Facilitate Compliance with Federal Communications Commission Regulations and to Fix Liability for Cable Television Programming.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 1901, sub-§§ 1-B and 1-C, additional. Section 1901 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding 2 new subsections 1-B and 1-C, to read as follows:

1-B. Cable television company. "Cable television company" means any person, firm or corporation owning, controlling, operating, managing or leasing a cable television system within the State.

1-C. Cable television system. "Cable television system" means any facility that, in whole or in part, receives directly, or indirectly over the air, and amplifies or otherwise modifies the signals transmitting programs broadcast by one or more television or radio stations and distributes such signals by wire or cable to subscribing members of the public who pay for such service, but such term shall not include any such facility that serves fewer than 50 subscribers, or any such facility that serves only the residents of one or more apartment dwellings under common ownership, control or management, and commercial establishments located on the premises of such apartment dwellings.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 2151, sub-§ 2, ¶ H, amended. Paragraph H of subsection 2 of section 2151 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

H. The municipal officers may contract on such terms and conditions and impose such fees, as are in the best interests of the municipality, including the grant of an exclusive franchise for a period not to exceed 10 years, for the placing and maintenance of ~~community antennae~~ cable television systems and appurtenances or parts thereof, along public ways and including