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No funds shall be withheld if liability therefor is denied by proper officers of the town or county.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 5, § 1504, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 1504 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Such certification shall be by the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and the Treasurer of State the head of the department, institution or agency responsible for such account, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 5, § 1509, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1509 to read as follows:

§ 1509. Records; collections

It shall be the duty of each department, institution or agency of the State to keep a record of all items of income accruing to it. Each department, institution or agency shall be solely responsible for collections of all accounts receivable accruing to it, including taxes levied by the State. In each instance of an item of income accruing to any department, institution or agency, such department, institution or agency shall immediately begin collection efforts and shall make such repeated collection efforts as may be necessary to promptly satisfy the amount owed to the State. Whenever there shall continue to exist items of income or taxes owed to the State which are not paid within 90 days, it shall be the duty of the department, institution or agency to whom such amount is owed to again attempt promptly to collect same. In cases of failure to pay, the department, institution or agency shall refer the account to the Attorney General for collection.

Effective June 28, 1974

#### CHAPTER 702

AN ACT to Repeal Reference in Law that University of Maine Officers and Employees are Unclassified Employees of State of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 711, sub-§ 8, repealed and replaced. Subsection 8 of section 711 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as last amended by section 11 of chapter 504 of the public laws of 1969, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

8. Unorganized territory, vocational schools and state institutions. Officers and employees of the unorganized territory school system and the teachers and principals of the school systems in state vocational schools and state institutions;

Sec. 2. Intent. Although the reference to officers and employees of the University of Maine is being deleted from Title 5, section 711, subsection 8, it is intended that those persons who elected, pursuant to the provisions of

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the private and special laws of 1969, chapter 229, section 4-D, to continue their membership in the Maine State Retirement System shall not lose any rights or benefits relative to such membership and shall continue to be eligible for such membership.

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#### CHAPTER 703

#### AN ACT to Authorize a Solid Waste Collection and Disposal System in Kennebec County and Somerset County.

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

Whereas, open burning is precluded after July 1, 1973; and

Whereas, all municipal or regional sites must be operational by that time to service the need; and

Whereas, the following legislation is imperative to meet the needs of Kennebec County; 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, §§ 421-423, additional.** Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding the following new sections, 421 to 423, to read as follows:

#### § 421. Powers and duties of the Kennebec and Somerset County commissioners

The county commissioners of Kennebec County and Somerset County are empowered to operate a solid waste collection and disposal system jointly or separately and to finance said systems in whole or in part.

§ 422. Municipalities and others served

All municipalities and counties may be served. The county commissioners may contract with other municipalities or counties for collection and disposal services.

§ 423. Fees from municipalities

Each municipality served shall be assessed for the cost of the operation. Such costs shall be prorated on the basis of population, as determined by the last Decennial Census.