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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
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One Hundred and Seventh Legislature
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 1, 1975 TO JULY 2, 1975

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PUBLIC LAWS
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One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

AT THE
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January 2, 1974

to

March 29, 1974

Sec. 4. Amendatory clause. Wherever in Title 37-A of the Revised Statutes the words "Bureau of Civil Defense" appear they shall mean "Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness."

Wherever the words "Director of the Bureau of Civil Defense" appear they shall mean the "Director of the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness."

Wherever the words "Department of Military, Civil Defense and Veterans Services" appear in the Revised Statutes, they shall mean the "Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans Services."

Sec. 5. Appropriation reduction. There is reduced from the appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Military, Civil Defense and Veterans Services, Military Bureau, the sum of \$13,630 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 to carry out the recommendation of the Maine Management and Cost Survey. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1974-75

MILITARY, CIVIL DEFENSE AND
VETERANS SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Military Bureau

Personal Services

(1) (\$13,630)

Provides for the reduction of the position of Assistant Adjutant General (Air) as recommended by the Maine Management and Cost Survey.

Effective June 28, 1974

CHAPTER 710

**AN ACT Relating to the Budgetary Process of the Eleven
New Regions for Vocational Education.**

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

Whereas, there is an urgent need for vocational education in these regions of the State; and

Whereas, the budgetary process in effect does not adequately meet the needs of local government and State Government; 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. 20, § 2356-A, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 2356-A of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 605 of the public laws of 1973, and as amended, is further amended by repealing the last paragraph before that part designated "Region 1."

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 2356-A, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 2356-A of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 605 of the public laws of 1973, and as amended, is further amended by adding after the 5th paragraph, the following:

If the budget fails of passage, the cooperative board shall prepare a new budget and shall submit it to a budget meeting of the vocational region called in the manner set forth below:

A. Warrant. Each regional meeting shall be called by a warrant. The warrant shall be signed by a majority of the cooperative board membership.

(1) It shall specify the time and place of the meeting.

(2) It shall be directed to any resident living within the vocational region by name ordering him to notify all voters within the region to assemble at the time and place appointed.

(3) An attested copy of the warrant shall be posted by the person to whom it is directed in some conspicuous public place in each of the municipalities within the vocational region at least 7 days before the meeting.

(4) The person who gives notice of the meeting shall make his return on the warrant stating the manner of notice in each municipality and the time when it was given.

B. Form. The warrant for calling the budget meeting of the vocational region shall include such articles as the cooperative board deems necessary to place before the voters for their consideration the vocational programs and the authorization to expend funds of the region for the fiscal year. A detailed supportive budget document shall be available to the legislative body which has responsibility for final budget approval. The supportive document shall contain a summary of anticipated revenues and estimated expenditures for the fiscal year. Any budget adopted under this section prior to the effective date of this Act shall be validated, approved and declared legal. The 1974-1975 budget may be adopted using the procedures set forth in this section even though the budget meeting is called after the effective date of this Act.

C. Budget procedure.

(1) The cooperative board shall appoint a resident of the region to make and keep a voting list of all residents in the region eligible to vote. This person shall be known as the registration clerk. The registration clerk shall compile the voting list from the voting lists of all the municipalities lying within the region. The town or city clerk shall deliver to the voca-

tional region registration clerk, 5 business days prior to the regional district budget meeting, a certified corrected copy of the voting list of the member municipality. No additions or deletions shall be made during the 5 business days prior to said meeting and only those citizens whose names appear on the voting list may vote on the budget presented by the cooperative board.

(2) The chairman of the cooperative board, or in his absence his designee, shall open the budget meeting by calling for the election of a moderator, receiving and counting votes for the moderator, and swearing in the moderator.

(3) As soon as he has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside at the meeting and the annual budget shall be adopted by a majority vote of those present and voting. The moderator shall appoint from the certified voting lists such ballot clerks as he deems necessary for the efficient operation of the meeting. Such ballot clerks shall be sworn by the moderator.

(4) The secretary of the cooperative board, or in his absence his designee, shall record accurately all the votes of the regional meeting.

(5) The cooperative board shall, forthwith upon the adoption of a budget, compute the share to be paid by each municipality within the region and shall notify the school officials to include said share in the administrative unit's annual school budget.

(6) The school officials shall place on the school payroll for payment the first of each month a sum equivalent to $1/12$ of the municipality's share of the cooperative school budget as adopted.

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

Effective March 1, 1974

CHAPTER 711

AN ACT Relating to Duties of the Attorney General.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 191, amended. The first sentence as amended, and the 5th sentence of section 191 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, are amended to read as follows:

The Attorney General, a deputy, assistant, or staff attorney shall appear for the State, ~~the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Bank Superintendent, the Insurance Superintendent~~ the head of any other state department, the head of any state institution and ~~the state boards and commissions~~ agencies of the State in all civil actions and proceedings in which the State is a party or interested, or in which the official acts and doings of said officers are called in question, in all the courts of the State; and in such actions and