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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 720

AN ACT Relating to Elections to the House of Representatives.

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

Whereas, the Supreme Judicial Court, by a decision of February 14, 1974, has reapportioned the House of Representatives and has made substantial changes in the representative districts; and

Whereas, primary petitions must be signed by a number of voters based on the number of votes last cast for Governor in the electoral divisions, the boundaries of which have now been changed by the decision of the court; 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. 21, § 445, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 445 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

A primary petition for a candidate for the House of Representatives must be signed by at least 25 and not more than 50 voters and, in a representative district entitled to 2 or more representatives, by a number equal to at least 25 and not more than 50 multiplied by the number of representatives to which the district is entitled.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, § 492, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 492 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

A nomination petition for a candidate for the House of Representatives must be signed by at least 25 and not more than 50 voters and, in a representative district entitled to 2 or more representatives, by a number of voters equal to at least 25 and not more than 50 multiplied by the number of representatives to which the district is entitled.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, § 701, sub-§ 4, amended. Subsection 4 of section 701 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

For municipalities which include more than one single member district of the House of Representatives, or parts thereof, the Secretary of State shall have the authority to prepare primary election ballots of one or more distinctive colors for each single member district or part thereof within the municipality.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 21, § 702, sub-§ 6, amended. Subsection 6 of section 702 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

For municipalities which include more than one single member district of the House of Representatives, or parts thereof, the Secretary of State shall have the authority to prepare general election ballots of one or more distinctive colors for each single member district or part thereof within the municipality.

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

Effective March 11, 1974

CHAPTER 721

AN ACT Amending the Responsibility of the State Planning Office.

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

R. S., T. 5, § 3305, sub-§ 1, ¶ B, amended. The first sentence of paragraph B of subsection 1 of section 3305 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 533 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Coordinate the development and periodic revision of a plan or plans for the development of the State which plan or plans shall be known as the Maine Comprehensive Plan.

Effective June 28, 1974

CHAPTER 722

AN ACT to Transfer the Chief Medical Examiner to the Department of the Attorney General.

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

R. S., T. 22, § 3022, amended. The first sentence of section 3022 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 534 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

There is created, in the Department of the Attorney General, the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Maine.

Effective June 28, 1974

CHAPTER 723

AN ACT Relating to Citizenship and Residency Requirements for Employment in the State's Classified Service.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 552, sub-§ 7, additional. Section 552 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 7 to read as follows: