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the Adjutant General in the case of the absence of the Adjutant General or his inability to act, or in the case of vacancy in said office, until such vacancy shall have been filled by the Governor, as provided by law. He shall not hold any other state office for compensation.

Sec. 2. **Amendatory clause.** Wherever in Title 37-A of the Revised Statutes the words "Department of Military, Civil Emergency Preparedness and Veterans Services" appear, they shall mean the "Department of Defense and Veterans Services."

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 14

AN ACT Designating Head of Tide on the Union River under the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission.

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

12 MRSA § 3605 is enacted to read:

§ 3605. Head of tide Union River

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, for the purposes of this chapter, head of tide on the Union River, Hancock County, shall be designated as that point on the downstream side where the highway bridge on U. S. Route 1 crosses the river in the City of Ellsworth.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 15

AN ACT Extending the Time During which School Budgets may be Adopted.

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

Whereas, the Legislature is currently considering amendments to the school funding laws that may substantially affect the portion of educational costs borne by property taxes during the current or ensuing fiscal year; and

Whereas, municipalities and school districts are required by law to adopt their annual budgets prior to specified times that may occur before the Legislature has acted upon such amendments; and

Whereas, it is vital that assessments committed for collection during the current or ensuing fiscal year accurately reflect the requirements of the most recent actions of the Legislature in order to avoid hardship or inconvenience to the taxpayers of the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emer-

gency 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:

20 MRSA § 3717 is enacted to read:

§ 3717. School budget adoption period extended

Notwithstanding any provision of statute or charter to the contrary, municipalities, School Administrative Districts and community school districts may during the current or ensuing fiscal years 1975 and 1976 adopt their respective annual budgets at any time prior to May 1, 1975. Municipal officers and school directors or trustees may not certify to the assessors any amount to be raised by taxation until such time as a final budget has been approved that includes the total educational cost estimates for the current or ensuing fiscal year. Expenditures may be made by municipalities or school districts after the commencement of, and prior to adoption of a final budget for, the current or ensuing fiscal years 1975 and 1976 based on interim or partial budgets adopted by the municipal officers, boards of directors of School Administrative Districts, or boards of trustees of community school districts. A final budget approved by a municipality or school district prior to the effective date of this Act may be reconsidered and any warrants issued to assessors pursuant to such adopted budgets may be revoked.

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

Effective February 27, 1975

CHAPTER 16

AN ACT Establishing Special License Plates for the Handicapped.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA § 252, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 127, is further amended to read:

On annual application to the Secretary of State, with the payment of \$1, any handicapped person who has registered a motor vehicle shall be issued a ~~special designating tag~~ set of special designating plates to be used in place of the regular registration plates or placard to be fixed to the sun visor of a motor vehicle registered by such a person. Such ~~tag or~~ placard shall be so affixed that the information thereon shall be clearly legible from outside the motor vehicle. Such ~~tag or~~ placard issued under this section shall include the motor vehicle registration plate number of the vehicle registered in the name of the handicapped person.

Sec. 2. 29 MRSA § 252, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 218, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: