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fectious tuberculosis" and may add to the class of persons and positions excluded from employment in schools due to infectious tuberculosis and may extend or decrease the time period for compliance with this section. Said rules and regulations shall list the approved drug preventive programs referred to in subsection 4.

g. Penalties. Any person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$200, and each separate day of non-compliance shall constitute a separate offense.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 41

AN ACT to Provide for 6-person Juries in Civil Cases.

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA § 1204, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 581, § 1, is further amended to read:

The Supreme Judicial Court may by rule provide for the trial of civil actions only by juries of § not less than 6 jurors; provided, however, that the parties to a civil suit may stipulate that the jury may consist of any number less than 6 jurors.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA § 1354, as amended by PL 1971, c. 581, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1354. Less than unanimous verdict or finding

In the trial of all civil suits in the Superior Court of this State, if a number of jurors equal to at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total number of jurors serving on a jury agree on a verdict or finding, they shall return it into court as the verdict or finding of that jury and the trial judge shall so instruct the jury; provided, however, that the parties to a civil suit may stipulate that a verdict or finding of a stated majority of the jurors shall be taken as the verdict or finding of the jury.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 42

AN ACT Relating to the Presentation of Budgets by School Units.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 226, sub-§ 3, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 783, § 6, is amended to read:

A detailed budget document shall be available to the legislative body which has responsibility for final budget approval and to any resident of the district at least 7 days prior to the district budget meeting.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 3716, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 783, § 42, is amended to read:

A detailed budget document shall be available to the legislative body which has responsibility for final budget approval and to any person residing within the geographical area administered by the administrative unit submitting the budget at least 7 days before the initial meeting of the legislative body to consider the budget document.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 43

AN ACT Relating to Fines and Penalties under Fire Prevention Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA § 2438, last sentence of the first ¶ is repealed as follows:

~~One half of any fine imposed and collected under this section shall be paid to the complainant~~

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA § 2440, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 84, is amended to read:

§ 2440. Penalties; recovery and appropriation

Penalties provided in sections 2431 to 2436 and section 2439 may be recovered by complaint, indictment or civil action, $\frac{1}{2}$ to the town municipality where the offense is committed and $\frac{1}{2}$ to the ~~prosecutor~~ State.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 44

AN ACT to Increase the Length of Herring which may not be Sold.

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA § 4159, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 290, is further amended to read:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, offer for sale or transfer in any manner herring which are between $4\frac{1}{2}$ and ~~7~~ 9 inches in length when measured from one extreme to the other to any person, firm or corporation, other than for human consumption or bait purposes, unless such herring are not desirable for processing for human consumption; provided there is a buyer of herring for processing for human consumption within a reasonable distance of the place where such herring are caught and available at the time they are offered for sale, ready and willing to purchase at a price acceptable to the seller.