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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$3,850,000 to be expended by the Director of the Bureau of Forestry, or his agents, for spruce budworm control and associated research. The rest of the funds are to be supplied from the balance of funds in the spruce budworm account and from the Federal Government. Any unexpended balances of this appropriation and funds appropriated by the private and special laws of 1973, chapter 194, shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account for these purposes.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Property Taxation the sum of \$6,350 to administer the excise tax. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1974-75	1975-76
PROPERTY TAXATION, BUREAU OF		
Personal Services	\$2,425	\$2,425
All Other	500	1,000
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	\$2,925	\$3,425

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

Effective April 21, 1975

CHAPTER 163

AN ACT Relating to Voter Registration of Persons Born United States Citizens in a Foreign Country.

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

21 MRSA § 102-A, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 414, § 5, is further amended by adding a new sub-§ 6 to read:

6. Persons born United States citizens in foreign countries. Any person born a United States citizen in a foreign country shall be allowed to register under this section in the same manner as a person who was born a United States citizen within the territory of the United States.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 164

AN ACT to Clarify the Requirements for Voting in Municipal Elections.

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

30 MRSA § 2066 is amended to read:

§ 2066. Applicability of provisions

Except as otherwise provided by this Title or by charter, ~~the qualification of voters~~ the method of voting and the conduct of a municipal election are

governed by Title 21. The qualifications for voting in a municipal election conducted under this Title are governed solely by Title 21, section 241.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 165

AN ACT to Provide Accessible Polling Places for the Physically Handicapped and the Elderly.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 245, sub-§ 2, is amended to read:

2. Voting restricted to district. In a municipality which has voting districts, a voter may, except as provided in section 604, vote only in the district in which he resides on election day.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 604 is enacted to read:

§ 604. Alternative accessible voting places for the physically handicapped and the elderly

1. Definitions. As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

A. Accessible voting place. "Accessible voting place" means a voting place in a building which has at least one entrance that provides access, by ramp or otherwise, to physically handicapped or elderly voters and in which the voting place is located on the first floor or is accessible by elevator or in a building which meets the standards of construction described in Title 25, chapter 331.

B. Elderly. "Elderly" means one experiencing the normal process of aging, specifically at age 60 or over.

C. Physical handicap. "Physical handicap" means an impairment which confines an individual to a wheelchair; or causes an individual to walk with difficulty; or affects the sight or hearing to the extent that an individual functioning in public areas is insecure or exposed to danger; or causes faulty coordination or reduces mobility, flexibility, coordination and perceptiveness to the extent that special facilities are needed to provide for the safety of that individual.

2. Alternative voting places. In municipalities in which one or more voting places are inaccessible to elderly and handicapped voters and in which the office of the clerk is in a building which is accessible as defined in subsection 1, paragraph A, the municipal officers shall designate the office of the clerk as an alternative voting place for elderly and physically handicapped voters who reside in voting districts which do not have accessible voting