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STATE OF MAINE  
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THE KNOWLTON AND McLEARY COMPANY  
FARMINGTON, MAINE  
1975

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PUBLIC LAWS  
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**CHAPTER 170****AN ACT Relating to the Disposition of Fines and Penalties  
Resulting from Criminal Prosecutions by Wardens.**

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

12 MRSA § 3061, first ¶, last sentence, is amended to read:

All fees, fines and penalties recovered and money received or collected, and including any fees, fines and penalties recovered by the court from any prosecution by wardens pursuant to their acting, under section 2001, with the same powers and duties as sheriffs have, and including moneys received from sale, lease or rental of department owned property, shall be paid to the Treasurer of State and credited to the department for the operation of fish hatcheries and feeding stations for fish, for the protection of fish, game and birds, information and education on conservation and for printing the report of said commissioner and other expenses incident to the administration of said department, and shall be expended by the said commissioner for the purposes for which said department is created.

Effective October 1, 1975

**CHAPTER 171****AN ACT to Change Limits under Small Claims Actions.**

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

14 MRSA § 7451, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 206, § 1, is further amended to read:

§ 7451. Definitions

A "small claim" is any right of action cognizable by a court of law not involving the title to real estate in which the debt or damage claimed does not exceed ~~\$200~~ \$800.

Effective October 1, 1975

**CHAPTER 172****AN ACT Relating to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.**

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

12 MRSA § 51, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 513, § 22, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 51. Membership; seal; rules and regulations

The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission, as heretofore established, shall serve as an agency of the State and shall perform the functions conferred upon it in this chapter. It shall consist of the following 11 members: The Dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Conservation, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game and the Commissioner of Marine Resources, who shall serve ex officios, except that each ex officio member may delegate one of his staff to serve regularly in his absence, and 6 soil and water conservation district supervisors, one of which shall represent each of the following 6 areas: Area 1, composed of St. John Valley, Central Aroostook and Southern Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Area 2, composed of Washington and Hancock County Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Area 3, composed of Penobscot, Piscataquis and Somerset County Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Area 4, composed of Kennebec, Knox-Lincoln and Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Area 5, composed of Androscoggin Valley, Oxford and Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Area 6, composed of Cumberland and York County Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Any district organized after October 1, 1975, shall be included in one of these 6 areas as determined by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

The representative of each such area shall be elected at an annual meeting of the supervisors in the area held at a time specified by the commission. Persons now serving as members of the commission shall continue to serve until the representatives from the 6 named areas are elected and qualified. The commission may invite the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States of America to appoint one person to serve with the above-mentioned members as an advisory member of the commission. The commission shall keep an accurate record of its official actions, shall adopt a seal, which seal shall be judicially noticed, shall have the authority to sue and be sued, and shall perform such acts, execute such contracts and other instruments, hold such public hearings and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of its functions under this chapter.

The area representatives first elected from Areas 1 and 4, shall be initially elected for a 1-year term; those from Areas 2 and 5 shall be initially elected for a 2-year term; those from Areas 3 and 6 shall be initially elected for a 3-year term. All subsequent elections shall be for a 3-year term.

