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PUBLIC LAWS
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CHAPTER 253

AN ACT to Protect Landowners Whose Land Abuts Land on Which Ten or More Acres of Timber is to be Harvested.

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

14 MRSA § 7552-A is enacted to read:

§ 7552-A. Land on which 10 acres or more of wood is to be harvested

Whoever authorizes the harvesting of trees on his own property, when such harvesting shall involve an area of 10 or more acres, shall clearly mark that property line or those property lines which are within 200 yards of the area to be harvested. A property owner who fails to clearly mark his property lines shall be liable in a civil action for double damages to the abutting property owner.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 254

AN ACT Relating to the Appointment of Clerks of the Judicial Courts.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 551, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 229, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 551. Clerks of the judicial courts, clerical assistants; appointments; compensation

For each county, or if the Supreme Judicial Court shall have by rule established judicial regions, for each judicial region, and for the office of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Chief Justice shall appoint such clerks and employ such clerical assistants as may be necessary to serve the Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court. County clerks shall be compensated in accordance with Title 30, section 2. Other clerks and clerical assistants shall be compensated as determined by the Chief Justice. If the business of any county or judicial region does not require the full-time service of a clerk, the Chief Justice may appoint a part-time clerk for such county or region. Whenever a clerk is absent or temporarily unable to perform his duties as clerk and an existing or immediate session of the court renders it necessary, the Chief Justice may designate a clerk pro tempore who shall have the same powers and duties as the clerk.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA § 552 is repealed.

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA § 554, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 544, § 9, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 4 MRSA § 562, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 504, § 3-A, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 30 MRSA § 201 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 201. Designation; powers and duties; records

The county commissioners in each county may appoint some suitable person to serve as clerk to the county commissioners, such service to be at the pleasure of the county commissioners. The clerk of the county commissioners shall be known as the county clerk. When a clerk is absent, the clerk may appoint a clerk pro tempore to the commissioners for whose doings he is responsible. Such clerks shall be sworn and shall make a record of the doings of the county commissioners, and said commissioners shall examine such records and, when correct, shall certify them, and they shall be adopted into the records of the county commissioners by the stated clerk.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 255

AN ACT to Prevent Unfair Discrimination Against Blind Persons Seeking Insurance Coverage.

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

24-A MRSA § 2159-A is enacted to read:

§ 2159-A. Insurance discrimination solely on account of blindness prohibited

No insurance company authorized to transact business in this State shall cancel, reduce liability limits of, increase the premiums of or refuse to issue or to renew an insurance policy of any kind that such company sells for the sole reason that the insured or the applicant for insurance is blind as defined in Title 22, section 3505, subsection 1. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit any such insurer from charging an additional premium or refusing to issue such insurance if the general health of such person, including, where applicable, the cause of blindness or other material factor in the issuance of insurance warrants such additional premium or refusal to issue. Any such insurer may exclude from policies covering persons who are blind the payment of benefits arising from losses that result directly from the fact that such person is blind.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 256

AN ACT Relating to Special Agency Stores.

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

28 MRSA § 153 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 153. Special stores

The bureau, with the approval of the State Liquor Commission, shall have authority to license and regulate, in cities, towns and unorganized territories