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SUBCHAPTER I-B
FLAMMABLE FABRICS

§ 136. Liaison for Federal Flammable Fabrics Act

The Bureau of Labor shall serve as a liaison to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, act as a channel of information between the Federal Government and the citizens of Maine concerning federal laws on consumer products with emphasis on flammable fabrics and children's sleepwear and promote public awareness of federal flammable fabrics legislation and enforcement.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 337

AN ACT Relating to Venue in the Superior Court.

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA § 508, as last amended by PL 1965, c. 356, § 9, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 508. Transfer of venue

A presiding Justice of the Superior Court may, upon obtaining agreement of the parties, transfer any civil action or proceeding from the Superior Court in one county to the Superior Court in another county in the judicial region in which the case originated.

All parties may consent to any civil action or proceeding being brought in or transferred to any county in any judicial region other than the one in which venue is proper or to which transfer is permitted provided that the prior approval of the presiding justice of the judicial region where the case is to be brought or transferred is obtained.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA § 1257 is enacted to read:

§ 1257. Regional juries

The Supreme Judicial Court is authorized to prescribe by rule or order the selection of juries from regions consisting of a single county or a reasonably compact group of counties for trials of criminal prosecutions or civil actions in the Superior Court. If the Supreme Judicial Court shall by rule provide for such regions for the purpose of selection of juries, this chapter shall be applied to such regions and to such regional juries and the word "counties" where it appears in this chapter shall be read to mean "region."

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may appoint jury commissioners for any such regions in accordance with section 1251, provided that the salaries and expenses of such jury commissioners shall be in such amounts as shall be determined and approved by said Chief Justice.

Sec. 3. 15 MRSA § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The Supreme Judicial Court may by rule provide that, with the consent of the defendant, criminal prosecutions may be conducted at locations other than those provided by law.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 338

AN ACT Extending the Time Limit During which School Budgets May be Adopted by Certain School Administrative Units.

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

Whereas, the Legislature has previously, by the enactment of chapter 15 and chapter 185 of the public laws of 1975, extended the time during which school budgets may be adopted in order that school finance reform might be enacted; and

Whereas, this reform has recently been enacted; and

Whereas, an additional extension for the adoption of school budgets is necessary so that school administrative units may follow mandated procedures in adopting school budgets; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency 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, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 185, is amended to read:

The budget meeting shall be called following the enactment of the "School Finance Act of 1975" and shall be held no later than ~~May 31~~ June 14, 1975.

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

Effective May 23, 1975

CHAPTER 339

AN ACT to Improve the Management of the Public Lands.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA § 2101, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 513, § 22, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: