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LAWS
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STATE OF MAINE
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Sec. 15. 36 MRSA § 1283, 2nd ¶, 3rd and last sentences, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 460, § 18, are further amended to read:

A copy of such inventory shall be furnished to the ~~Director of the Bureau of Forestry~~ Commissioner of Conservation prior to the convening of the Legislature.

Such report shall contain a copy of the inventory of real estate then owned by the State and such recommendations as to the disposition of this real estate as the State Tax Assessor and the ~~Director of the Bureau of Forestry~~ Commissioner of Conservation may wish to make.

Sec. 16. 36 MRSA §§ 1545 and 1546, as amended by PL 1973, c. 460, § 18, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1545. Timber and grass forfeited held for benefit of towns

All timber and grass forfeited under section 1544 shall be held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people of Maine and shall be held by the Director of the Bureau of Public Lands subject to the same powers and responsibilities as apply to other lands in his custody.

§ 1546. Division of lots partially forfeited

The Director of the Bureau of Public Lands shall cause a division to be made, if found necessary from time to time, of the public reserved lots which have been partially forfeited, and shall set off and hold the forfeited portions for the benefit of the people of Maine, as provided for in section 1545.

Sec. 17. PL 1973, c. 460, § 20, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 20. **Amendatory clause.** Wherever in the Revised Statutes, Title 30, sections 4151, 4153, 4158, 4161-A, 4162 and 4163, the words "Forest Commissioner," "Director of the Bureau of Forestry" or "Commissioner of the Department of Conservation" appear, they shall mean "Director of the Bureau of Public Lands."

Sec. 18. PL 1973, c. 628, § 19 is repealed.

Sec. 19. **Effective date.** Section 17 of this Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

Effective October 1, 1975 unless otherwise indicated

CHAPTER 340

AN ACT to Clarify Provisions of the Election Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 134, sub-§ 2, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 3, § 1, is amended to read:

On receipt of the application, the registrar shall remove the party designation beside the name of the applicant on the voting list and shall make a notation on the voting list that the applicant is ineligible to vote at a caucus or primary election, or to file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election, for a period of 3 months.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 134, sub-§ 3, as amended by PL 1971, c. 3, § 2, is further amended to read:

3. Restrictions during change of enrollment. A voter may not vote at a caucus or primary election or file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election within 3 months after filing an application to change his enrollment, except as provided in subsection 4.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 444, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1971, c. 579, § 1, is further amended to read:

He must be enrolled, on or before April 1st, in the party named in the petition, and must be eligible to file a petition as a candidate for nomination by primary election as provided in subsection 3 of section 134.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 341

AN ACT to Provide for Reimbursement of Court Appointed Attorneys for Reasonable Disbursements made on Behalf of Their Clients.

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

4 MRSA § 173, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. Disbursements by appointed counsel. In any proceeding wherein the court has appointed counsel, the Treasurer of State shall reimburse such appointed counsel for reasonable disbursements made in behalf of the client, including but not limited to witness fees, sheriff's fees and travel, upon approval of such disbursements by the court.

Effective October 1, 1975

CHAPTER 342

AN ACT Relating to Reserve Valuation Standards for Life Insurance and Annuity Contracts and Nonforfeiture Benefits of Life Insurance Policies.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA § 953, sub-§ 1, 2nd ¶, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the legal minimum standard of value for such life insurance policies issued on or after the first day of Sep-