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LAWS
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STATE OF MAINE
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Sec. 2. Organization. The Joint Standing Committee on State Government of the 107th Legislature, with the assistance of the Commissioner of Business Regulation and in consultation with the boards included in the bureau, shall prepare a plan of organization and operation for the bureau and shall prepare legislation to be presented to a special session of the 107th Legislature to amend, repeal and rearrange statutes to reflect this bureau's responsibilities and organization and may prepare legislation to include public members on the boards within the bureau if, after study, such legislation is considered necessary.

The commissioner shall prepare a budget for the bureau in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 149.

The commissioner and the Joint Standing Committee on State Government may recommend legislation for the transfer from or to another department of such functions as would appear to belong to the other department or to the bureau. The commissioner shall have no powers and duties relative to the proposed bureau, except those listed in this section.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

Effective October 2, 1975

CHAPTER 557

AN ACT Concerning Continuing Jurisdiction over Juvenile Offenses.

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

Whereas, many juveniles who commit acts or offenses which may be deemed juvenile offenses escape the jurisdiction of the juvenile court because they become 18 years old prior to the time a petition can be brought or a hearing can be had; and

Whereas, many other juvenile offenders who were subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court must nevertheless be discharged from probation, the Boys' Training Center or Stevens School when they attain the age of 18 no matter when adjudication was made; and

Whereas, the foregoing has resulted in outright deprivation of the juvenile court's jurisdiction or premature termination of its continuing jurisdiction and a complete frustration of the rehabilitative and protective purposes of the juvenile law; 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:

Sec. 1. 34 MRSA § 801, sub-§ 1-A, as amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 169, is further amended to read:

1-A. Males between the ages of 15 and 21 years. Males between the ages of 15 and ~~18~~ 21 years committed thereto by the juvenile court after being adjudicated to have committed a juvenile offense;

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 851, sub-§ 1-A, as amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 1-A, is further amended to read:

1-A. Women between the age of 15 and 21 years. Females between the ages of 15 and ~~18~~ 21 years committed thereto by the juvenile court after being adjudicated to have committed a juvenile offense;

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

Effective June 23, 1975

CHAPTER 558

AN ACT Relating to the Disposal of Certain Personal Property by Law Enforcement Agencies.

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

Whereas, the Bureau of State Police has custody of unclaimed property; and

Whereas, daily storage charges are being assessed against the Bureau of State Police; and

Whereas, there is no statute to provide relief of this unclaimed property; 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:

25 MRSA Pt. 9, c. 401 is enacted to read:

PART 9

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN GENERAL

CHAPTER 401

DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED, LOST OR STOLEN PERSONAL PROPERTY BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES