

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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Supplementary to the Acts and Resolves of the Regular Session

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Sec. 31. 9-B MRSA § 877 is enacted to read:

§ 877. Fees for mergers, conversions and acquisitions

No application made pursuant to sections 872, 873, 875 or 876 shall be deemed complete unless accompanied by an application fee of \$200 payable to the Treasurer of State to be credited and used as provided in section 214.

Sec. 31-A. 9-B MRSA § 1011, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, § 1, is amended to read:

6. **Maine financial institution.** "Maine financial institution" means a financial institution authorized to do business in ~~the State of Maine~~ **this State.**

Sec. 32. 32 MRSA § 891, sub-§ 1, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, § 2, is amended to read:

Financial institutions authorized to do business in this State, as defined in Title 9-B, section ~~227~~ 131, subsection 2 may engage directly or indirectly in the business of selling, issuing or registering checks or money orders.

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

Effective March 10, 1976

## CHAPTER 667

### AN ACT Extending the Time During Which School Budgets May be Adopted.

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

Whereas, the Legislature is currently considering amendments to the school funding laws that may substantially affect the portion of educational costs borne by property taxes during the current or ensuing fiscal year; and

Whereas, municipalities and school districts are required by law to adopt their annual budgets prior to specified times that may occur before the Legislature has acted upon such amendments; and

Whereas, it is vital that assessments committed for collection during the current or ensuing fiscal year accurately reflect the requirements of the most recent actions of the Legislature in order to avoid hardship or inconvenience to the taxpayers of the State; 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 § 3718 is enacted to read:

§ 3718. School budget adoption period extended

Notwithstanding any other provision of statute or charter to the contrary, municipalities, School Administrative Districts and community school districts may, during the current fiscal year 1976, adopt their respective annual budgets at any time prior to April 15, 1976. Municipal officers and school directors or trustees may not certify to the assessors any amount to be raised by taxation until such time as a final budget has been approved that includes the total educational cost estimates for the current or ensuing fiscal year. Expenditures may be made by municipalities or school districts after the commencement of, and prior to adoption of a final budget for, the current fiscal year 1976 based on interim or partial budgets adopted by the municipal officers, boards of directors of School Administrative Districts or boards of trustees of community school districts. A final budget approved by a municipality or school district prior to the effective date of this Act may be reconsidered and any warrants issued to assessors pursuant to such adopted budgets may be revoked.

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

Effective March 10, 1976

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## CHAPTER 668

AN ACT Concerning the Identification by Fingerprints of Past Offenders.

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

15 MRSA § 1702-A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 398, is repealed.

Effective July 29, 1976

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## CHAPTER 669

AN ACT to Amend the Protection and Improvement of Air Statutes.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA § 583, sub-§ 1-A is enacted to read:

§ 1-A. Portland Peninsula Air Quality Region. The Portland Peninsula Air Quality Region shall consist of that section of the City of Portland bordered on the west by Interstate 95, on the south and east by the Fore River and on the north by Casco Bay and the inlet to Back Bay.