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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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AT THE

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PUBLIC LAWS
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January 19, 1976 to April 29, 1976
AND THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
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Supplementary to the Acts and Resolves of the Regular Session

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA § 1022, sub-§ 10, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 603, § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

In addition to its responsibilities to the public generally, the university shall have the specific responsibility of considering and representing the interests and welfare of the students in any negotiations under this chapter.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 1024, sub-§ 4 is enacted to read:

4. Students.

A. When collective bargaining is to take place between the university and the faculty or professional and administrative staff, the board of trustees shall appoint 3 currently enrolled students who are broadly representative of the various campuses and who may meet and confer with the bargaining agent prior to collective bargaining.

B. During the course of collective bargaining, the student representatives designated under paragraph A shall be allowed to meet and confer with the university bargaining team at reasonable intervals during the course of negotiations, such meetings to occur at least upon receipt by the university of the initial bargaining proposal of the bargaining agent and before final agreement on a contract or any major provisions thereof. The students shall be bound by the same rules of negotiation, including but not limited to those regarding confidentiality, as the participants in the negotiations.

Effective July 29, 1976

CHAPTER 722

AN ACT to Provide a Procedure for Establishing Additional Exceptions for the Definition of Rental Units and to Clarify the Procedure for the Appointment of a Rent Control Administrator or Board under the Municipal Rent Control Act.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 5373, sub-§ 2, ¶ D is enacted to read:

D. The rental unit or units in an owner-occupied, 2-family or 3-family house and rental units, the construction of which was completed on or after the date of acceptance of rent control legislation may be exempted from such legislation by the administrator or the board.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 5374, sub-§ 1, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 506, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Upon acceptance of rent control legislation and prior to its effective date, the popularly elected mayor of a city, or the council in a municipality having a council-manager form of government, or the board of selectmen in a town, shall appoint a rent control administrator or a rent control board to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Effective July 29, 1976

CHAPTER 723

AN ACT Relating to Teacher Employment.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 161, sub-§ 5, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as last amended by P. L. 1973, c. 454, § 1, is further amended to read:

Except that after a probationary period of not to exceed 3 2 years, subsequent contracts of duly certified teachers shall be for not less than 2 years, and unless a duly certified teacher receives written notice to the contrary at least 6 months before the terminal date of the contract, the contract shall be extended automatically for one year and similarly in subsequent years until age 65, although the right to an extension for a longer period of time through a new contract is specifically reserved to the contracting parties.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 161, sub-§ 5, first ¶, as last amended by P. L. 1973, c. 454, § 1, is further amended by inserting after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read:

Just cause for dismissal or nonrenewal may be a negotiable item in accordance with the procedure set forth in Title 26, c. 9-A, for teachers who have served beyond the probationary period.

Effective July 29, 1976

CHAPTER 724

AN ACT to Require Registration and Reporting of Professional Lobbyists.

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

3 MRSA c. 15, as last repealed by PL 1975, c. 621, § 2, is reenacted to read: