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the compensation of the county administrator. The county administrator may be removed or suspended for cause by the county commissioners in accordance with the procedure for removing or suspending a town manager under section 2313. In the absence or during the disability of the county administrator, the county commissioners may appoint an official of the county to perform the duties of the administrator.

The county administrator shall be the chief administrative official of the county and shall be responsible for the administration of all departments and offices over which the county commissioners have control. He shall act as the clerk of the county. He shall act as purchasing agent for all departments and offices of the county, provided that the county commissioners may require that all purchases greater than a designated amount shall be submitted to sealed bid. He shall attend all meetings of the county commissioners, except when his removal or suspension is being considered. He shall keep the county commissioners and the legislative delegation of the county informed as to financial condition of the county and shall collect all data necessary for the preparation of the budget.

If the county commissioners hire a full-time county administrator, they shall not appoint another person as clerk of the county.

Notwithstanding section 2 and any other provision of law, if the county commissioners hire a full-time county administrator, they shall forgo the annual salary otherwise due them and shall only receive \$25 each for each meeting attended and reimbursement for travel at the same rate established for state employees.

Effective July 29, 1976

CHAPTER 737

AN ACT Relating to the Effective Dates for School Lunch Programs and Occupational Safety and Health in Public Employment.

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

20 MRSA § 1053, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 607, § 2, is amended to read:

The commissioner, with the authorization of the board, shall establish and maintain nutritional standards and regulations for all school food service and shall require all public schools to establish no later than September, 1974, nonprofit food services which shall participate in the National School Lunch Program and shall as a minimum make available meals that meet nutritional standards no lower than those established by the United States Department of Agriculture for Type A meals served pursuant to said National School Lunch Program; provided that the commissioner, upon proper application, may, with the authorization of the board, permit a public school to postpone

the establishment of such nonprofit food services to be not later than September, ~~1978~~ 1980, whenever such school demonstrates that it will be unable to participate in the National School Lunch Program by September, 1974, and that the postponement would be otherwise in the public interest.

Effective July 29, 1976

CHAPTER 738

AN ACT to Provide for a Line Budget Procedure for All School Systems.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 226, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 623, § 20, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The format of the school budget may be determined by the voters of a school district by adoption of an appropriate warrant article at a properly called school district meeting or under the procedures prescribed in section 225, subsection 2, paragraphs A to E. Such an article may be placed upon the next warrant issued or ballot printed by a majority vote of the school district directors or on the written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election in each municipality comprising the district. The budget format shall be that prescribed by a majority of the school directors until such time as 20% of the numbers of registered voters certified by the several town or city clerks to the secretary of the school district vote on an appropriate warrant article prescribing the school budget format. Any change in budget format shall be voted at least 90 days prior to the budget year for which such change is to be effective. If it is voted to have the school budget prepared by specific line categories, each category shall be included in a separate warrant article. Unless voted otherwise, the school directors shall not have the authority to transfer funds between line item categories without approval of the voters of the district. To summarize the action taken on the school budget for the purposes of determining state and local cost sharing, the articles prescribed in chapter 512-A shall also be voted upon.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 362, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 510, § 19, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The format of the school budget may be determined by the voters of a community school district by adoption of an appropriate warrant article at a properly called meeting. Such an article may be placed upon the next warrant issued by a majority vote of the school committee and the board of trustees or on the written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election in each municipality comprising the district. The budget format shall be that prescribed by a majority of the school directors until such time as 20% of the number of registered voters certified by the several town or city clerks to the