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15 MRSA § 1320, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 775, § 1, is amended to read:

1. **Payments.** Payments made hereunder shall be made from the county treasury upon authorization of the prosecuting attorney, unless otherwise expressly directed by law and the payments shall be made from the sums set aside in the county budget for the payments on account of Superior Court criminal proceedings.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 64

AN ACT Extending the Time for Apportionment of County Taxes from April to May in the Year 1977.

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

Whereas, under the present law the county tax must be apportioned upon the towns in the month of April; and

Whereas, the debate on the legislation setting county officers' salaries has continued so long that it will be impossible to assess the county tax for 1977 within the time allowed; and

Whereas, the following extension of time will prevent undue hardship in resolving such; and

Whereas, the following legislation to temporarily change the apportionment to the month of May is vitally necessary to prevent undue hardship and confusion on the several counties and municipalities 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:

30 MRSA § 254-B is enacted to read:

§ 254-B. Temporary extension

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 254, when a county tax is authorized, for the year 1977, the county commissioners shall, in April or May apportion it upon the towns and other places according to the last state valuation and fix the time for the payment of the same, which shall not be earlier than the first day of the following September.

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

Effective April 8, 1977

CHAPTER 65

AN ACT Concerning Chemical Control of Vertebrate Animals.

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

22 MRSA § 1471-N is enacted to read:

§ 1471-N. Chemical control of vertebrate animals

It shall be unlawful to use poisons to kill vertebrate land animals except as hereinafter provided.

1. Chemical control of vertebrate animals. The board may grant permits to use poisons for chemical control of vertebrate animals to members of its staff and to agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

2. Chemical control of rodents. The board may grant permits to use poisons for chemical control of rodents to persons engaged in the production of agricultural commodities and the maintenance of ornamental plantings.

3. Use poisons to control wild dogs. The board, its staff or agents may in emergencies, use poisons to control wild dogs or other wild animals.

4. Control of rats and mice. The control of rats and mice on public and private property including buildings and municipal dumps, and the control of English sparrows, starlings and pigeons within buildings, is exempt from this section, provided that the control is performed in accordance with this chapter, the regulations of the board and the directions on the label of the registered pesticide employed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 66

AN ACT to Clarify the Responsibility for Payment of Expenses on Rendition of Prisoners.