

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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30 MRSA § 5353, sub-§ 1, ¶ B, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 353 and as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 623, § 49-A, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**B. Inhabitants.** Each district shall contain as nearly as possible the same number of inhabitants as determined according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, but districts shall not differ in number of inhabitants by more than 10% of the inhabitants in the smallest district created.

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

Effective April 13, 1977

## CHAPTER 69

**AN ACT to Clarify the Authority of Members of Volunteer and Governmental Organizations to Render Emergency Assistance.**

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

14 MRSA § 164, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 679, § 1, is further amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentence:

This section shall apply to members or employees of nonprofit volunteer or governmental ambulance, rescue or emergency units, whether or not a user or service fee may be charged by the nonprofit unit or the governmental entity and whether or not the members or employees receive salaries or other compensation from the nonprofit unit or the governmental entity.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 70

**AN ACT Establishing County Commissioner Districts in Cumberland County.**

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 105-R is enacted to read:

§ 105-R. Creation of Cumberland County Commissioner Districts

Cumberland County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number 1, consisting of the municipality of Portland;

Commissioner District number 2, consisting of the municipalities of Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland, Falmouth, Scarborough, South Portland and Westbrook;

Commissioner District number 3, consisting of the municipalities of Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Casco, Freeport, Gorham, Gray, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, Otisfield, Pownal, Raymond, Sebago, Standish, Windham and Yarmouth.

Each member of the board of commissioners shall be a resident of the commissioner district for which he is elected and shall be elected by the qualified electors of that district.

Sec. 2. Transition. The transition to the Cumberland County district system shall be made in the following manner. In 1978 a commissioner resident of Commissioner District number 3 shall be elected by the qualified electors of those respective districts. In 1980 a commissioner resident of Commissioner District number 1 and a commissioner resident of Commissioner District number 2 shall be elected by the qualified electors of that district. Thereafter, elections shall continue in a manner so that each district shall at all times have a commissioner elected from that district on the board.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 71

### AN ACT Relating to the Purchase of Insurance by the Maine Insurance Advisory Board.

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

5 MRSA § 1728, sub-§ 3, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 239, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Pursuant to programs approved by the Governor, provide insurance protection for state property and liability insurance in accord with the Maine Tort Claims Act, Title 14, section 8116, and premises liability when required by a