

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AS PASSED BY THE

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All utility facilities, real and personal, situated within this State and owned by a domestic electric company shall be subject to assessment and taxation to the same extent and in the same manner as provided in Title 36. All such utility facilities situated within this State and owned by a foreign electric company other than a municipal or quasi-municipal corporation or other political subdivision of a state or province shall be subject to assessment and taxation to the same extent and in the same manner as though owned by a domestic electric company. All such utility facilities situated in this State and owned by a foreign electric company that is a municipal or quasi-municipal corporation or other political subdivision of a state or province shall be exempt from taxation, but in lieu thereof such owner shall on or before September 1st of each year pay to the municipality where any such utility facility lies the amount which would be assessable as property taxes thereon if such utility facility were the property of a foreign electric company other than a municipal or quasi-municipal corporation or other political subdivision of a state or province. The assessment, abatement and appellate procedures and all other procedures relating to such payment in lieu of taxes shall be as provided in Title 36 with respect to taxes.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 125

### AN ACT to Revise the Maine Regional Library System.

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA § 110, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is amended to read:

4. District consultant. "District consultant" means a ~~Maine State Library employee~~ one who acts as a general library consultant to one or more districts.

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA § 112, sub-§ 4 is enacted to read:

4. Federal program. Serve as the State Advisory Council on Libraries and in that capacity give advice and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services with regard to the administration of federal funds, in accordance with the terms thereof, which may now or in the future become available for library purposes.

Sec. 3. 27 MRSA § 114, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Membership. The governing board of each library which has agreed to participate in the district system shall appoint a representative to the district council. The district council shall elect an executive board composed of 9 members and shall distribute this membership among librarians, trustees and lay members. The district executive board shall elect from its number the

appropriate officers as needed. The district council shall meet at least twice a year.

Sec. 4. 27 MRSA § 114, sub-§ 2, ¶ E, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is amended to read:

E. Assist in the development of a comprehensive district plan ~~based upon community plans of service~~;

Sec. 5. 27 MRSA § 117, 1st ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The State Librarian, with the advice of the district council, shall appoint a staff member, or contract with an area reference and resource center, to provide district consultant services to one or more districts as determined by the policies established by the commissioner.

Sec. 6. 27 MRSA § 117, sub-§ 1, ¶ G, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, § 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

G. Help evolve a district plan of service.

Sec. 7. 27 MRSA § 119 is enacted to read:

§ 119. Distribution of appropriations

The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, with the advice of the Maine Library Commission, is authorized to distribute on a per capita basis, in support of local library services, moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 126

### AN ACT to Provide Civil Immunity for Persons Participating in Administering Immunizing Agents.

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

22 MRSA § 906 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 906. Epidemics

1. Orders and regulations. In case of emergency or threatened epidemic of disease which may affect more than one municipality, the department may, if it shall appear necessary and proper for the protection of life and health,