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

14 MRSA § 1602, as amended by PL 1971, c. 228, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1602. Interest on judgments

In all civil actions, except those actions involving a contract or note which contract or note contains a provision relating to interest, interest shall be assessed from the date on which the complaint is filed in court, provided that if the prevailing party at any time requests and obtains a continuance for a period in excess of 30 days, interest will be suspended for the duration of the continuance. From and after the date of entry of an order for judgment, including the period of the pendency of an appeal, interest shall be allowed at the rate of 10% per year.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 148

AN ACT to Require County Commissioners to Notify Municipal Legislative Bodies of County Budget Hearings.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 252, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 27, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

In order to assess a county tax, county commissioners, prior to November 7th in each year, shall prepare estimates of the sums necessary to defray the expenses which have accrued or may probably accrue for the coming year, including the building and repairing of jails, courthouses and appurtenances, with the debts owed by their counties.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 252, 2nd ¶, last sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 27, § 2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA § 252, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 27, § 3, is further amended by inserting after the 3rd paragraph the following:

The county commissioners shall hold a public hearing in the county on these estimates prior to December 1st. Written notice and a summary of the county estimates shall be sent to the municipal officers. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 10 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the estimates shall be sent by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or delivered by hand in person, with proof received of the delivery, to the clerk of each municipality in the county and to each member of the Legislature from the county at least 10 days prior to the hearing. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers of the receipt of the estimates.

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Sec. 4. 30 MRSA § 253, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 27, § 4, is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 149

AN ACT Charging the Boiler Owner or Contractors for the Fees for Additional Inspections Required by the Code.

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

26 MRSA § 245, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 620, § 13, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The fees for additional inspections required by the code shall be paid by the boiler owner or contractor. Such fees shall include the wages and expenses of the inspector.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 150

AN ACT to Prohibit Hunting and Fishing on Property Belonging to the Unity Utilities District.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2353-B is enacted to read:

§ 2353-B. Closed season

There shall be a continued closed season on all wild birds and wild animals on property owned by the Unity Utilities District located on Route 139 and Prairie Road in the municipality of Unity in Waldo County.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 2551, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 590, § 14, is further amended by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

No person shall fish or hunt on the property owned by the Unity Utilities District located on Route 139 and Prairie Road in the municipality of Unity in Waldo County.

Effective October 24, 1977