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Each unit's share of the vocational budget as finally approved by the cooperative board shall be placed in the local school budget and that unit's share shall be adjusted to reflect the unit's net share of the vocational budget as finally adopted by the region. Initial costs for starting new vocational education programs may be financed by a local tax outside the uniform property tax and outside of any additional appropriations now authorized in section 3748, subsection 4.

The vote of the legislative body shall be to accept or reject each article in the budget warrant. No portion thereof may be amended. Following the annual budget meeting of each unit, the clerk of each unit shall notify, in writing, the member or members of the cooperative board which represent that unit of the results of the vote. Within 5 days after the last unit has acted on the budget, the chairman of the cooperative board shall call a meeting of the board to tally the results of the vote. The cooperative board members shall report in writing and each shall cast his ballot in the affirmative or in the negative in accordance with the majority vote of the unit or units represented. The chairman shall add the votes thus reported, and the cooperative board shall make a finding of fact and enter in its records the total vote in the affirmative and the total vote in the negative. If the total vote in the affirmative exceeds the total vote in the negative, the cooperative board shall declare that the budget has been approved by the voters of the region.

A vote on the budget of the vocational region must be completed at the same time as the regular school budget in each year. If any article within the budget fails of passage, the cooperative board may prepare a new budget and submit the necessary articles to a budget meeting of the vocational region called in the manner set forth below:

Sec. 16. 20 MRSA § 2356-G, sub-§ 6, ¶ B, sub-¶ (3), 1st sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 513, § 10, is amended to read:

As soon as he has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside at the meeting and the ~~annual~~ vocational budget shall be adopted by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Sec. 17. 20 MRSA § 2356-G, sub-§ 6, ¶ B, sub-¶ (6), as last repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 513, § 10, is amended to read:

(6) The school officials shall place on the school payroll warrant for payment the first of each month a sum equivalent to 1/12 of the ~~municipality's~~ administrative unit's share of the cooperative school vocational budget as adopted.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Effective July 1, 1977

CHAPTER 206

AN ACT to Authorize the Issuance of Free Fishing Permits to Patients in Regular Nursing Homes.

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

12 MRSA § 2401-B, sub-§ 6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 622, § 41, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6. Free permits for inmates and patients at state institutions other than adult correctional institutions, nursing homes and certain other licensed facilities. The commissioner is authorized to issue free fishing permits covering groups of patients or inmates at any state institution under the control of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, except the Maine Correctional Center, the Maine State Prison and other correctional programs operated by the department for adults; groups of full-time patients at a nursing home as defined in Title 22, section 1812-A; or groups of full-time residents of a facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 1663. These permits shall be issued on request of the head of the state institution, nursing home or licensed facility and shall be effective while the group is being conducted by a representative of the group's institution, nursing home or licensed facility and while the group is fishing within a 25-mile radius of the group's institution, nursing home or licensed facility.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 207

AN ACT to Repeal the Designation of Emergency Interim Successors to Legislators.

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA c. 17 is repealed.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA c. 3 is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 208

AN ACT Relating to Appointment, Duties, Salary and Expenses of Court Reporters.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA § 651, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 383, § 11, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: