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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

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AT THE

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4. **Budget.** Those mental health and mental retardation programs receiving legislative approval for funding for fiscal year 1980 shall be considered current services by the Bureau of the Budget when next preparing a budget.

Sec. 3. Effective date. Title 22, section 3172-B, subsection 1, 2 and 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Effective July 6, 1978 Unless otherwise indicated

CHAPTER 681

AN ACT Relating to Assessment for Public Services Tax on Unorganized Townships.

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

Whereas, federal and state statutes have recently required the closings of many dumps in unorganized townships in order to protect Maine's environment; and

Whereas, these townships are currently having serious difficulty disposing of their solid waste; and

Whereas, improper solid waste disposal may cause grave sanitation and environmental problems in these townships; and

Whereas, additional county powers are needed during 1978 to enable the counties to provide proper solid waste disposal and avoid these problems; and

Whereas, if counties are to use these powers during 1978, they must be able to take account of them while establishing recommended 1978 county budgets; and

Whereas, counties must complete these recommended budgets by March 1978, and therefore this Act must be effective before March, 1978; 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:

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 1202, 1st sentence, is amended to read:

The county commissioners of Washington County are authorized, on behalf of the inhabitants of ~~Prescott, Marion and Edmunds Townships,~~ all unorganized

townships within the county to enter into contracts on such terms as they deem fit with one or more persons, associations or municipalities, or to take such other steps as they deem advisable, to provide fire protection, other than forest fire protection, and public dumps for said townships.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 1202, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1965, c. 169, is repealed as follows:

~~Said commissioners are authorized on behalf of the inhabitants of Lambert Lake, Forest City, Indian Township and Brookton Townships to enter into similar contracts or to take similar steps to provide public dumps for said townships.~~

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA § 1202, 5th sentence, is amended to read:

The county commissioners shall annually assess upon said townships an amount sufficient to provide for such services, said tax not to exceed ~~1/2 of 1%~~ 1% of the valuation of said townships, and said assessment shall be certified and transmitted by the county treasurer to the State Tax Assessor not later than April 1st each year.

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

Effective March 29, 1978

CHAPTER 682

AN ACT to Facilitate Central Licensing and Concerning Membership on the Maine Athletic Commission.

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

Whereas, there is a need to facilitate uniform automated licensing as soon as the system is operable; and

Whereas, the legislation encompassed in this bill would be necessary before any automated issuance of licenses could occur; 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