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

Effective March 11, 1977

CHAPTER 7

AN ACT to Revise the Bath Water District Charter.

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

P & SL 1915, c. 197, § 7, first ¶, 2nd, 3rd & 4th sentences, as last repealed and replaced by P & SL 1975, c. 82, § 1, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

Two of these terms expire on the Sunday preceding the first Monday of November, 1979, at which time the city council of the City of Bath shall elect one trustee to serve a term of 2 years and one trustee to serve a term of 5 years. The other 3 terms expire on the Sunday preceding the first Monday of November, 1977, 1978 and 1980. On the expiration of each of these terms and on the first Monday of the November thereafter, one trustee shall be elected for a term of 5 years by the body who originally appointed the trustee of the expiring term. The term of the trustee shall continue until his successor has been duly elected.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 8

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for the Save Loring Committee.

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

Whereas, on March 11, 1976, the United States Air Force announced plans for an 83% reduction of Loring Air Force Base at Limestone; and

Whereas, Loring Air Force Base has been an integral part of Limestone, Van Buren, Fort Fairfield, Caribou and Presque Isle; and

Whereas, the proposed cutback will result in a loss of \$126,000,000 in gross state product and an increase in the Aroostook County unemployment rate to 18%; and

Whereas, the Save Loring Committee has expended substantial sums to retain consultants and other experts; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to aid in defraying the expenses incurred in opposing the proposed reduction; 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:

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Save Loring Committee the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977 to assist the Save Loring Committee in its efforts to prevent the reduction of Loring Air Force Base. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing account until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.

Quarterly accounting of expenditures made shall be submitted to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Any funds not expended for the purposes of this Act shall be returned to the Treasurer of State.

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

Effective March 22, 1977

CHAPTER 9

AN ACT Converting Wallagrass Plantation into the Town of Wallagrass.

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

Whereas, the annual meeting time for the plantation is March 29th; and

Whereas, the plantation is prepared to vote on this issue this year and desires to decide this issue immediately; and

Whereas, this bill must be immediately enacted and have an immediately effective date to allow this vote to be taken; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,