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CHAPTER 19

H. P. 84 — L. D. 95

AN ACT to Repeal the Per Diem Payment and the Commutation Allowance for Court Officers.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 1051, sub-§ 13, as amended by PL 1975, c. 430, § 68, is repealed as follows:

~~13. Aid in criminal and traffic infraction cases. For each aid necessarily employed in criminal and traffic infraction cases, including expenses, compensation at the prevailing rate per day for deputy sheriffs, and in that proportion for a longer or shorter time and 10 cents a mile to travel in going out and returning home, if necessary to travel by common carrier;~~

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 1051, sub-§ 15, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 129, is repealed as follows:

~~15. Attendance upon Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts. Every deputy sheriff and court messenger, while in actual attendance upon a session of the Supreme Judicial Court or the Superior Court in their respective counties shall receive \$20 a day, plus actual travel at 20¢ a mile from their place of residence to the court for each day's attendance;~~

Sec. 3. **Effective date.** This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1980.

Effective January 1, 1980

CHAPTER 20

H. P. 158 — L. D. 186

AN ACT to Conform the Acknowledgment Provision of the Recording Statutes to the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgments Act.

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

Whereas, there is confusion in some counties as to the acknowledgment requirements for real estate transactions, and in those transactions time is commonly of the essence; and

Whereas, there is a potential for serious legal and economic consequences if the confusion concerning the proper form of acknowledgments is not rapidly cleared; 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:

33 MRSA § 203, as last amended by PL 1969, c. 260, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding any of the requirements in this section, an instrument with an acknowledgment conforming to the requirements of the Uniform Recognition of Acknowledgments Act, Title 4, section 1011 et seq., shall be accepted for recording purposes.

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

Effective March 8, 1979

CHAPTER 21

H. P. 194 — L. D. 243

AN ACT to Amend the Laws Relating to the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

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

27 MRSA §§ 502-510, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 536, § 1 and as amended, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

§ 502. Maine Historic Preservation Commission

There shall be created within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services a bureau which shall be designated as the "Maine Historic Preservation Commission." It shall consist of 11 members made up as follows: The Commissioner or a representative of the Department of Transportation, and the Commissioner or a representative of the Department of Conservation, to serve ex