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CHAPTER 99

S. P. 93 — L. D. 179

AN ACT to Amend the Representation of Towns on Community School Districts.

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

Whereas, important school decisions are being made at this time; and

Whereas, under existing laws there are towns that do not have a voice in these decisions; 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:

20 MRSA § 356, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 783, §§ 14 and 15, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new paragraphs to read:

If any representative on the community school committee is absent from 3 consecutive regular committee meetings, the committee may declare that a vacancy exists and the school committee of the representative's town may choose from among its members another representative to the community school committee. He shall be chosen on the basis of seniority.

If a community school committee member is absent from a meeting the senior nonvoting member shall be allowed all the rights and privileges of the absent member with the exception of the right to vote. This paragraph shall only apply to a community with only one member on the community school committee.

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

Effective April 13, 1979

CHAPTER 100

S. P. 112 — L. D. 215

AN ACT Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to use a Modified Procedure in Uncontested Cases Relating to the Assignment and Transfer of Contract Carrier Permits.

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

35 MRSA § 1557, sub-§ 3 is amended by inserting after the 2nd sentence the following:

No request for assignment and transfer shall be granted by the commission until after a hearing, except that the commission need not require a hearing on any request if, within 15 days of giving notice as provided herein, the commission receives no objection to granting the request. The commission shall give notice of all requests for assignment and transfer, in such manner and to such persons, agencies and carriers as it deems necessary. When a hearing is required by this section or when the commission in its discretion deems it necessary, notice of hearing, in such manner as the commission may deem necessary, shall be given by the commission at least 7 days prior to the hearing to such persons, agencies and carriers as the commission may deem necessary.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 101

H. P. 637 — L. D. 788

AN ACT to Prohibit Vehicles from Passing School Buses on School Property while Buses are Receiving or Discharging Students.

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

29 MRSA § 2019, sub-§ 2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 78, § 168, is amended to read:

2. **Stopping.** The operator of a vehicle on a way **or on school property**, upon meeting or overtaking a school bus from either direction which has stopped, with its red lights flashing, on the way to receive or discharge school children, shall stop ~~that the~~ vehicle before reaching ~~that the~~ school bus and ~~that the~~ operator shall not proceed until ~~that the~~ school bus resumes motion or until signaled by the school bus operator to proceed.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 102

S. P. 45 — L. D. 76

AN ACT Relating to the Limitation on the Amount of Dependents' Group Life Insurance Which May be Issued.