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Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 2, sub-§ 1, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 67, § 3, is amended to read:

The county commissioners, treasurers, sheriffs, judges of probate, registers of probate and registers of deeds in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the county treasury, in weekly, **biweekly** or monthly payments, as follows:

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 106, first sentence, is amended to read:

The county commissioners in the several counties shall receive annual salaries as set forth in section 2 from the treasurer of the counties in **biweekly**, monthly, semiannual or annual payments, as determined by the county commissioners.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 246

S. P. 173 — L. D. 379

AN ACT to Permit Nonreceiving Units to Approve School Appropriations in a Single Warrant Article.

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

- **Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 4751, sub-§ 1, ¶D** is enacted to read:
- D. The provisions of subsection 2 shall not apply to any unit whose local allocation is equal to or greater than its state-local allocation but the unit shall report to the commissioner the amount of the appropriation for the state-local allocation.
- Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 4751, sub-§ 3, ¶J is enacted to read:
- J. The provisions of paragraph I shall not apply to any unit whose local allocation is equal to or greater than its state-local allocation but the unit shall report to the commissioner the amount of the appropriation for local leeway.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 247

S. P. 233 — L. D. 685

AN ACT to Increase Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for Farm Trucks.

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

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29 MRSA § **246, 3rd** ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 481, § 8-A, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

From 50,001 pounds gross weight to 54,000 pounds gross weight\$300.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 248

H. P. 707 — L. D. 891

AN ACT Concerning Access by Physically Disabled Persons to Certain Public Facilities.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA § 954, as amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is further amended by inserting at the end the following new sentences:

In any roadside area along any state or state aid highway where modern flush toilet facilities are provided for public use, there shall be provided toilet rooms which are accessible to and usable by the physically disabled, as defined in Title 25, sections 2701 and 2702 respectively. The department shall erect and maintain signs along the approach to any roadside area where toilet facilities accessible to the disabled are available which are designed to inform disabled persons that the facilities are available.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA c. 331, first 2 lines are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

CONSTRUCTION FOR PHYSICALLY

DISABLED

- Sec. 3. 25 MRSA § 2701, sub-§ 3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 80, § 2, is amended to read:
- 3. Physical disability. "Physical handicap disability" means an impairment which confines an individual to a wheelchair; causes an individual to walk with difficulty; affects the sight or hearing to the extent that an individual functioning in public areas is insecure or exposed to danger; cause faulty coordination; or reduces mobility, flexibility, coordination and perceptiveness to the extent that special facilities are needed to provide for the safety of that individual.
 - Sec. 4. 25 MRSA § 2702, sub-§ 6, first sentence, as repealed and replaced by