

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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A. The amount of the fee as a percentage of the person's income shall increase with income. The amount of increase in percentage shall be limited to 1% of the gross weekly income of a family of 4 between 60% and 115% of state median income, not to exceed 11%. The state median income shall be divided into 12 income increments.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 255

H. P. 803 — L. D. 1006

AN ACT Relating to the Term of Membership on the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 1955, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 78, § 50, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1955. Advisory council

1. **Appointment.** There is established an advisory council, which shall consist of one member representing each of the management units the commissioner establishes to administer this chapter. Members of the advisory council shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife, and to confirmation by the Legislature. The commissioner shall be a nonvoting member of the council ex officio, but may vote to break a tie.

2. **Length of terms.** Appointments shall be for a term of 3 years and until successors are appointed and qualified. No person shall serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Upon the death, resignation or removal from office of any person so appointed, the Governor shall appoint a member to serve for the unexpired term.

3. **Expenses.** The members of the advisory council shall receive \$25 per day for their services and the council shall be allowed actual expenses not to exceed \$2,500 for each fiscal year.

4. Duties.

A. The council shall render to the commissioner information and advice concerning the administration of the department and carry out other duties specifically delegated by inland fisheries and wildlife laws.

B. The council shall hold regular meetings with the commissioner or his

deputy in December and May of each year and special meetings at such other times and places as would seem advisable.

5. **Officers.** At the meeting held in May of each year, the council may elect One of its members as chairman and one as vice chairman.

Sec. 2. Transition provision. Present members of the council shall serve until the expiration of their terms. After the effective date of this Act, appointments may be made for any management unit not then represented on the advisory council, except that the total number of council members shall not exceed the total number of management units.

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

Effective January 1, 1980

CHAPTER 256

H. P. 49 — L. D. 58

AN ACT to Clarify the Filing Deadline for Candidates' Reports to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 1397, sub-§ 3, ¶ F, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 589, § 2, is amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

The reports may either be filed in person with the commission on that date, or postmarked by that time on that date.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1397, sub-§ 4, ¶ D, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 589, § 3, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The reports may either be filed in person with the commission on that date, or postmarked by that time on that date.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 257

S. P. 470 — L. D. 1418

AN ACT Relating to Appointment of Bail Commissioners and to Lessen the Burden upon Sheriffs and the Court for "Prompt Bail Review."