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30 MRSA § 254-B, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 670, is further amended to read:

§ 254-B. Temporary extension

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 254, when a county tax is authorized for the year 1978 1979, the county commissioners shall, in the ~~months~~ **month** of March ~~and~~, April, **May or June** apportion the tax upon the towns and other places according to the last state valuation and fix the time for the payment of the same, which shall not be earlier than the first day of the following September.

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

Effective June 12, 1979

CHAPTER 410

H. P. 857 — L. D. 1057

AN ACT to Provide Local Control of Winter Closing of Town Ways.

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

23 MRSA § 2953 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2953. Closing of roads in winter

The municipal officers may on their own initiative, or upon petition by 7 legal voters of the municipality, at any time between the first day of July and the first day of December of any year, after notice and hearing, set forth that any road or roads, or portion thereof, in the municipality are so located with reference to population, use and travel thereon, that it is unnecessary to keep the road or roads maintained and open for travel during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April or any part of these months.

The municipal officers shall file with the municipal clerk an order specifying the location of the road and the time for which it is to be closed. The legislative body of the municipality shall by vote either approve each order or provide that orders so made by the municipal officers shall be a final determination.

The final determination by the legislative body or the municipal officers may be appealed to the board of county commissioners of the county in which the municipality lies upon petition of 7 legal voters of the municipality within 30 days after the final determination is made.

In an appeal before a board of county commissioners, the decision of the commissioners shall be governed by the standards set forth in this section.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 411

H. P. 690 — L. D. 862

AN ACT Concerning the Maine Property Insurance Cancellation Control Act.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA § 3048, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Any policy written for a term longer than one year or with no fixed expiration date shall be considered, for purposes of this subchapter, written for successive policy terms of one year.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA § 3049, next to last ¶, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

This section shall not apply to any policy or coverage which has been in effect less than 60 days at the time notice of cancellation is received by the named insured, or 90 days in the case of residential property other than the insured's primary residence which is expected to be continuously unoccupied for 3 months in any 12-month period, unless it is a renewal policy.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 412

S. P. 169 — L. D. 370

AN ACT to Increase the Term of Special Licenses under the Marine Resources Law.

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

12 MRSA § 6074, sub-§ 6, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: