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or without notice to make an investigation thereof. No order affecting ~~said~~ the rates, tolls, charges, schedules, regulations, measurements, practices or acts complained of ~~shall~~ may be entered by the commission without a formal public hearing.

Sec. 2. 35 MRSA §292 is amended to read:

§292. Notice of complaint

The commission immediately upon the filing of ~~such that~~ complaint shall notify in writing the public utility complained of that a complaint has been made, and of the nature thereof. If at the expiration of 7 days therefrom ~~such that~~ public utility shall not have removed the cause of complaint to the satisfaction of the commission, ~~said the~~ commission shall proceed to set a time and place for a hearing as provided. The hearing shall be promptly set. In the absence of an informal disposition pursuant to Title 5, section 9053, the commission shall render a decision upon the complaint no later than 9 months after its filing.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 142

H.P. 745 - L.D. 957

AN ACT to Transfer Residual Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission Over Municipal Transit Districts to the Department of Transportation.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §4971, as amended by PL 1979, c. 505, §5, is further amended to read:

§4971. Formation

Any municipality may by vote of its legislative body by itself, or in cooperation with one or more other municipalities, form a transit district for the purposes provided in this chapter, except that municipalities not in the same geographic public transportation region shall gain approval from the Department of Transportation. With the consent of the ~~Public Utilities Commission~~ Department of Transportation and of the municipal officers of any municipality not included in a transit district, a transit

district may provide transportation services within that municipality. The district so formed shall be a body politic and corporate, may sue, be sued, plead and be impleaded, adopt a name, adopt and alter a common seal, and do all things necessary to furnish motor vehicle mass transportation within said that district, including charter service, for public purposes in the interest of public health, safety, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality or municipalities comprising such district.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §4981, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 663, §200, is further amended to read:

The directors of a district shall establish such routes and fix such rates of fares to be charged for the mass transportation service as shall to the extent possible reasonably assure sufficient income to meet the cost of the service, including, but not limited to, operating expenses, insurance, taxes, rentals, annual serial bond payments, interest, allocation for a reserve account and an allowance for depreciation, except that the directors of a district that participates in a regional operations plan that has been approved in accordance with Title 23, section 4209, shall establish routes and fixed fares in accordance with the plan whenever the plan requires. If, after all such obligations have been met, a surplus shall remain, the directors may deposit all or any part of such surplus in a reserve account or in the sinking fund created by this chapter. In the event all or any part of such surplus is deposited in the sinking fund, the amount of the annual commitment to the tax assessors of the municipalities comprising the district covering payments to said the sinking fund shall be reduced by the amount of said that deposit. The director of a regional transportation corporation shall not fix any rates of fare to be charged for mass transportation other than that specifically provided for under the conditions of any license granted the corporation by the Public Utilities Commission Department of Transportation.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 143

H.P. 12 - L.D. 8

AN ACT to Expedite the Handling of
Changes in Voter Registration.