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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
JANUARY 4, 1984 TO APRIL 25, 1984

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1984-85

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,
DEPARTMENT OF

Accounts and Control	
Positions	(-1)
Personal Services	(\$17,700)
Accounts and Control	
Positions	(1)
Personal Services	\$17,700

The above deappropriation and reappropriation reduces one vacant funded Accountant II position in the Bureau of Accounts and Control and establishes a Field Examiner II position to carry out the purposes of this Act. No additional appropriation is required for the implementation of this Act.

TOTAL

0

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 717

S.P. 858 - L.D. 2331

**AN ACT to Authorize County Commissioners
to Establish Separate Voting Places in
Unorganized Townships.**

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

Whereas, primary and general elections will be held this year; and

Whereas, by May 1st in the year of a general election, municipal officers must select ballot clerks; and

Whereas, if this Act is not enacted as an emergency, there will be insufficient time to establish a voting place in those unorganized townships which wish to do so; 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:

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §246, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 496, §10, is amended to read:

Registration In accordance with section 1573, registration, enrollment and voting by the resident of a township are governed by the following provisions:

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §1573, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 774, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1573. Separate voting places; reimbursement of election expense

1. Voting places in unorganized townships. The procedure for establishing a voting place in unorganized townships is as follows.

A. The commissioners of each county may provide or contract with a municipality to provide a voting place in any unorganized township in their county, for all state and national elections, including primary elections, at which voting place all residents of unorganized places entitled to vote in municipalities near the township, pursuant section 246, may cast their ballots under conditions provided in this section.

B. The commissioner or the municipal officers of the contracting municipality shall prepare a separate list of these voters and shall select at least 2 ballot clerks from the inhabitants of the township, representing the 2 political parties

which at the gubernatorial election next preceding that appointment cast the greatest number of votes, and shall select a warden who may be a resident of the township.

C. The conduct of elections at that voting place shall be the same as in municipalities and all provisions of the Revised Statutes with respect to voting districts are made applicable to that voting place. The powers and duties of the municipal officers in such case are conferred upon the commissioners or the municipal officers of the contracting municipality.

D. Upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 10 persons qualified to vote pursuant to section 246, the commissioners shall provide or contract with a municipality to provide a voting place in the unorganized township provided in the petition.

2. Reimbursement of election expense. The county commissioners shall reimburse the municipality for those expenses incurred in the conduct of elections held pursuant to this section.

3. Notice to Secretary of State. The county commissioners shall notify the Secretary of State of all unorganized territories for which voting places are contracted or provided. They shall also notify the Secretary of State of those unorganized territories for which provision of voting places has been discontinued. Notification must be made at least 120 days before the election in which it will be effective.

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

Effective April 9, 1984.

CHAPTER 718

H.P. 1658 - L.D. 2188

AN ACT to Increase the Fee for the
Alcohol Education Program Conducted by the
Department of Human Services.

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