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deems proper, by execution attachment or other effective form, on which costs shall be taxed as in other actions.

13. Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act. The jurisdiction granted by this section to make or alter an order concerning parental rights and responsibilities with respect to a minor child shall be limited by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, sections 801 to 825, if another state may have jurisdiction as provided in that Act.

Sec. 6. Change of circumstance. The enactment of this Act shall not be considered a change of circumstance for the purpose of a motion to amend or modify a decree issued prior to the effective date of this Act under Title 19, section 214, 581 or 752.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 814

H.P. 1780 - L.D. 2345

AN ACT to Provide Policy and Guidelines
for Creation and Operation of Boards
and Commissions.

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

5 MRSA c. 379 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 379

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES,

COUNCILS AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS

§12011. Duty of Secretary of State

The Secretary of State shall compile and maintain a current list of all boards in State Government, including the name of the board, the names of its members, positions in State Government held by any member, any vacancies, the date of the board's last reported meeting, its most recent reported expenditures on members' compensation and expenses and what other information he deems necessary.

§12012. Members from other branches of government

Persons who serve in any branch of State Government may serve on a board that is solely advisory in authority. A person who serves in a branch of State Government may not serve on a board of another branch of State Government if that board is not solely advisory in authority.

A board is solely advisory in authority if its only authority is to review policies and procedures, conduct studies or advise or make recommendations to a branch of government. It may not have the authority to control expenditures, issue rules, approve decisions of other agencies or officials or enforce its decisions or recommendations.

§12013. Finances

All boards shall maintain such financial records as may be required by the State Controller and State Auditor.

§12014. Powers and duties

1. Duties. Each board shall have the following duties:

A. Keep minutes of all meetings and record all actions;

B. Limit all activities of the board to the confines of its authorization; and

C. Observe that a majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum unless otherwise specified.

§12015. New boards

Any boards established on or after the effective date of this chapter shall conform to the following provisions.

1. Membership; terms; vacancies. Each board shall have no fewer than 3 members. Law establishing the board shall provide for appointments, terms of office, qualifications and removal of its members. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of any member, the vacancy for his unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as his original appointment.

2. Sunset. If, within 2 years of the effective date of its establishment, a board has not been assigned a date for review under the Maine Sunset Act, Title 3, chapter 23, it shall terminate, subject to the grace period provided in that chapter.

Effective July 25, 1984.

CHAPTER 815

S.P. 763 - L.D. 2071

AN ACT to Limit the Authority of the
Public Utilities Commission to Award
Compensation to Intervenors.

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

Sec. 1. 35 MRSA §19 is enacted to read:

§19. Funding of intervenors by the commission

Notwithstanding sections 3, 4 and 313, the commission shall not order compensation of intervenors by any utility except as authorized by this section. Compensation of intervenors may be ordered only to the extent that compensation is specifically required by the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, United States Code, Title 16, Section 2601, et. seq.

Sec. 2. Effective date. Section 1 shall be effective 90 days after adjournment of the 2nd Regular Session of the 111th Legislature, except that the Revised Statutes, Title 35, section 19, shall not apply to cases pending before the commission on April 1, 1984. In those cases, intervenor funding shall be paid in accordance with the final order of the commission in the case in question.

Effective July 25, 1984, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 816

S.P. 911 - L.D. 2462

AN ACT to Make Corrections of Errors and
Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine.