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education. The State Tax Assessor shall annually provide each municipality with the amount of state-municipal revenue sharing and state aid for education subject to identification under this section.

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

Effective June 20, 1985.

CHAPTER 377

S.P. 587 - L.D. 1544

AN ACT to Establish Legislative Council Oversight of Expenditures for Joint Standing Committees, Joint Select Committees and Legislative Investigating Committees.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §165, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1975, c. 770, §6, is further amended to read:

7. Other subpoenas, etc. When the duties assigned to a committee so require, the Legislature may grant to it the power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony, and to cause the deposition of witnesses, whether residing within or without the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions in the Superior Court. When the Legislature grants this power to a joint standing committee or joint select committee, such committee shall function as an investigating committee and shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 21. No appropriation or allocation may be made for a specific study unless the Legislative Council has first approved a budget adopted by the joint standing committee which is to conduct the study. No appropriation or allocation may be made for the operation of any joint select committee unless the Legislative Council has first approved a budget adopted by the joint select committee. In case of disobedience on the part of any person to comply with any subpoena issued in behalf of a committee, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the Superior

Court of any county, on application of a member of a committee, to compel obedience by proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein. Each witness, other than a state officer or employee, who appears before a committee by its order or subpoena shall receive for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers sworn to by such witness and approved by the chairman of the committee;

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §414 is enacted to read:

§414. Oversight of expenditures

The Legislative Council shall provide oversight of expenditures for legislative investigating committees in the same manner as it provides oversight of joint select committees pursuant to chapter 7.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 378

H.P. 1036 - L.D. 1510

AN ACT Authorizing State Employees to
Purchase State Property Upon
Retirement or Leaving Office.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 1, first 3 lines, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

CHAPTER 1

STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
GENERALLY

SUBCHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 1, sub-c. II is enacted to read: