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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 1, first 3 lines, are repealed and the following enacted in their place: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

### SUBCHAPTER II

### STATE EMPLOYEES AND STATE PROPERTY

### §31. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

- 1. Employee of this State. "Employee of this State" means an employee in the classified or unclassified service as defined in chapters 57 and 71.
- 2. State property. "State property" means personal property, including, but not limited to, furnishings, supplies and equipment which are owned or leased by or in the control of the State or any department or agency of the State or independent state agency.

### §32. Acquisition of state property

No employee of this State may take state property for personal use or for the use of others off the premises of the State. Within 3 months of leaving office or employment with the State, an employee of this State, in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and this chapter, may purchase, at fair market value, state property that was assigned to the employee or state property of which the employee was the principal user at the time of his employment. The commissioner, by rule, shall determine state property that may be of-fered for sale under this chapter. No state property may be offered for sale under this chapter until the commissioner determines that the property is eligible for sale and that no state agency has any need of or use for the property. Nothing in this section may be interpreted to prohibit an employee of this State or any other person from purchasing state property at fair market value in accordance with this chapter, as a gift to an employee of this State upon his retirement or leaving office.

Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the penalties set out in Title 17-A, section 362.

Effective September 19, 1985.