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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
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missioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall be allowed not more than 1/2 a year's credit toward retirement for each school year so taught. Any period of time during which an evening school teacher teaches less than a full so-called accredited year shall be allowed toward retirement on a pro rata basis only. A legislative employee shall receive a full year of service credit for the period of January 1, 1978, to January 1, 1984, for each year of the legislative biennium in a position that may be full-time under Title 3, sections 22 and 42.

Sec. 2. Application. Changes in benefit payments as a result of this Act shall take effect with the first scheduled benefit payment following the effective date of this Act and shall not be retroactive.

Effective July 16, 1986.

CHAPTER 799

H.P. 1707 - L.D. 2404

AN ACT to Revise the Salaries of Certain County Officers.

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

Whereas, it has become necessary to revise the salaries of certain county officials; and

Whereas, it is desired to have these revisions retroactive to January 1, 1986; 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:

30 MRSA §2, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 196, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. County officers' salaries. The county commissioners, treasurers, sheriffs, judges of probate, registers of probate and registers of deeds in the several counties shall receive annual salaries from the county treasury, in weekly, biweekly or monthly payments, as follows:

A. Androscoggin County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ 5,550
<u>(b) Members</u>	4,750
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	16,050
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	20,664
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	10,774
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	14,966
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	16,372

B. Aroostook County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ 8,983
<u>(b) Members</u>	4,620
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	6,930
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	18,850
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	9,818
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	14,000
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	
<u>(a) Northern District</u>	13,730
<u>(b) Southern District</u>	13,730

C. Cumberland County: Pursuant to chapter 12, the county commissioners have final approval authority over county officers' salaries. Legislative approval is not required.

D. Franklin County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>4,401</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,174</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>4,555</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>21,873</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>10,500</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>13,925</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>15,000</u>

E. Hancock County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>5,933</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>5,491</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>13,728</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>21,626</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,147</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>12,660</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>13,728</u>

F. Kennebec County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>5,650</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>5,273</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>8,159</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>21,961</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>13,055</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>15,620</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>15,620</u>

G. Knox County:

(1) Commissioners

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
<u>(a) District 1</u>	\$ <u>3,439</u>	\$ <u>3,611</u>	\$ <u>3,611</u>	\$ <u>3,611</u>
<u>(b) District 2</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>3,611</u>
<u>(c) District 3</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>3,439</u>	<u>3,611</u>
<u>(d) Chairman differential</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>5,193</u>	<u>5,453</u>	<u>5,453</u>	<u>5,453</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>22,500</u>	<u>22,500</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>11,850</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>13,304</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>

H. Lincoln County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>5,040</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,300</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>4,935</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>23,364</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>11,340</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,430</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>18,428</u>

I. Oxford County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	\$ <u>5,002</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>4,557</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>6,024</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>21,680</u>

<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,557</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,352</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	
<u>(a) Eastern District</u>	<u>14,768</u>
<u>(b) Western District</u>	<u>11,024</u>

J. Penobscot County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 6,968</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>6,656</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>2,704</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>22,065</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>18,441</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>17,522</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>17,522</u>

K. Piscataquis County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 4,600</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>3,828</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>19,500</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>11,500</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>13,250</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>13,700</u>

L. Sagadahoc County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>3,500</u>

<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>6,813</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>18,500</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>12,552</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>13,714</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>14,634</u>

M. Somerset County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 4,091</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>3,506</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>8,429</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>23,100</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>13,498</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>14,235</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>13,573</u>

O. Washington County:

<u>(1) Commissioners</u>	
<u>(a) Chairman</u>	<u>\$ 4,685</u>
<u>(b) Members</u>	<u>3,905</u>
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<u>(3) Sheriff</u>	<u>21,316</u>
<u>(4) Judge of Probate</u>	<u>13,302</u>
<u>(5) Register of Probate</u>	<u>13,169</u>
<u>(6) Register of Deeds</u>	<u>13,169</u>

P. York County:

<u>(1) Commissioners, in accordance with section 202 the commissioners do not receive an annual salary.</u>	
<u>(2) Treasurer</u>	<u>\$ 3,710</u>

(3) <u>Sheriff</u>	24,000
(4) <u>Judge of Probate</u>	11,130
(5) <u>Register of Probate</u>	15,471
(6) <u>Register of Deeds</u>	16,695

Emergency clause: In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved and shall be applied retroactively to January 1, 1986.

Effective April 25, 1986.

CHAPTER 800

H.P. 1689 - L.D. 2379

AN ACT Relating to the Transfer of Authority from the District Courts to the Secretary of State to Adjudicate the Commission of Traffic Infractions.

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA c. 16 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 16

ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

§2201. Transfer of authority to adjudicate traffic infractions

The authority to adjudicate the commission of traffic infractions, as defined by section 1, subsection 17-C, is transferred from the District Court to the Secretary of State effective January 1, 1988.

§2202. Administrative adjudication of traffic infractions

Effective January 1, 1988, all traffic infractions, as defined by section 1, subsection 17-C, shall be heard and determined administratively by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State, with the advice of the Administrative Office of the Court, shall develop and