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### **LAWS**

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## **PUBLIC LAWS**

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- 3. Public hearing. The budget committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 10 days before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget shall be sent by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or delivered in person, with proof received of the delivery, to the clerk of each municipality in the county. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers of the proposed budget.
- 4. Adoption of budget. After the public hearing is completed, the budget committee may further increase, decrease, alter and revise the proposed itemized budget, subject to the conditions and restrictions imposed in subsection 2. The proposed itemized budget must be finally adopted by a majority vote of the budget committee at a duly called meeting not later than the end of the county's fiscal year. The approved budget is the final authorization for the assessment of county taxes. The budget shall be sent to the county commissioners and the county tax authorized shall be apportioned and collected in accordance with section 706.
- 5. Interim budget. If the budget is not approved before the start of a fiscal year, until a budget is finally adopted, the county shall operate on an interim budget which may not exceed the previous year's budget.
- 6. Transfer of funds. The county commissioners may transfer funds as provided in section 922.

#### §865. Budget amendments

The approved budget shall govern the expenditures of the county during the fiscal year. No expenses may be incurred in excess of those shown in the approved budget, but the budget may be revised from time to time by the preparation and submission of a proposed amended budget by the county commissioners to the budget committee. The budget committee shall render, not less than 15 calendar days, except in emergencies, nor more than 30 days after the submission to it, a decision on any such revised budget. An approved revised budget shall be transmitted to the State Auditor within 15 days of the budget committee's action.

#### §866. Filing of county budget

A copy of the final budget and subsequent amendments shall be filed, on forms approved by the Department of Audit, with the State Auditor, who shall retain them for 3 years.

#### §867. Repeal

This article is repealed on March 1, 1991.

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

Effective June 26, 1989.

#### CHAPTER 474

S.P. 591 - L.D. 1668

An Act to Authorize the Blue Hill School Committee to Enter into Long-term Leases of Land and Buildings for School Purposes

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

20-A MRSA §4001, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Long-term leases authorized. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 3, paragraph A, the school committee of the Town of Blue Hill is authorized to lease for school purposes, for one or more terms of up to 99 years each, the existing site of the Blue Hill Consolidated School and up to 20 acres of adjacent land and any buildings located thereon, on terms and conditions as may be approved by the Blue Hill School Committee, and during the term or terms of any leases which may be entered into by the Blue Hill School Committee, the leased premises shall constitute school property for all purposes including, without limitation, school construction projects, provided that any school construction projects on the leased premises shall be subject to the requirements of chapter 609 and its successor provisions.

See title page for effective date.

#### **CHAPTER 475**

H.P. 1251 - L.D. 1750

An Act to Establish Finance Committee Districts and Procedures for Aroostook County

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA art. 3-A is enacted to read:

### ARTICLE 3-A. AROOSTOOK COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### §739. Aroostook County finance committee

In Aroostook County, there is established a finance committee to carry out the purposes of this article. As used in this article, "county commissioners" means the county commissioners of Aroostook County.

1. Membership. The finance committee shall consist of 9 members, 3 members from each commissioner district elected as provided in this subsection. The county commissioners shall designate 3 district subdivisions within each district from each of which one member of the finance committee shall be elected.