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LAWS

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AS PASSED BY THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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school boards to determine eligibility for the waiver of educational mandates, to apply for an educational mandate waiver and to plan for coming into compliance with the mandate so that, as soon as possible, the waiver will no longer be necessary.

Sec. 4. Report. By January 1, 1991, the commissioner shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education on the status of educational mandate waivers. The report must include the number of waivers requested and granted, the mandates or requirements from which waivers were sought, the reasons for the waiver requests, an evaluation of the waiver program and recommendations on the continued need for educational mandate waivers.

Sec. 5. Repeal. This Act is repealed on July 1, 1991.

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

Effective April 17, 1990.

CHAPTER 123

S.P. 972 - L.D. 2438

An Act Concerning the Authority of the Public Utilities Commission to Order Competitive Bidding

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

Whereas, it is necessary to suspend the operation of any rules conflicting with this act immediately; 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:

Sec. 1. Suspension of rule. The Public Utilities Commission may not issue any order, adopt any rule or implement any order or rule that requires, or requires the consideration of, competitive bidding or notice to potential competitive bidders for any construction project for interexchange facilities. Any rule or portion of a rule that conflicts with this section is suspended until January 1, 1991. If any portion of a rule is suspended under this section, that suspension does not affect any other portion of a rule that can be given effect.

Sec. 2. Report. The Public Utilities Commission shall review and evaluate the concerns of labor and management regarding the bidding provisions of the Maine Public Utilities Commission Rules, Chapter 280. The commission shall submit a report of its findings together with any recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities on or before January 1, 1991. A copy of that report must be forwarded to the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

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

Effective April 17, 1990.

CHAPTER 124

S.P. 988 - L.D. 2451

An Act to Ensure the Proper Payment of Property Tax Relief Funds

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

Sec. 1. Study of potential abuse. The State Tax Assessor shall undertake a study of the Maine Residents Property Tax Program, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 907, regarding its administration, enforcement and interaction with municipal officials. This study must include information about program abuses, real or alleged, and suggest alternatives to correct any abuses or potential abuse situations. The State Tax Assessor may also include any other information about the program that is relevant.

Sec. 2. Reporting date. The State Tax Assessor shall prepare the report specified in section 1 of this Act and present it to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by February 15, 1991. If necessary, the committee shall present any implementing legislation to the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by March 1, 1991.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 125

H.P. 1802 - L.D. 2473

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Quantabacook Water District

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