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on rates of these changes to the workers' compensation insurance laws and shall conduct a hearing within 30 days after the filing is made. Evidence and argument must be limited to matters relevant to evaluation of the effect of these changes on rates and the time limitations of Title 24-A, section 2363, subsections 3, 6, 11 and 12 do not apply. Any proceeding held pursuant to this Act must be considered a filing for a rate change under the terms of Title 24-A, section 2363, subsection 9, paragraph B. The rates and any surcharges established by the decision of the Superintendent of Insurance on the pending proceeding and the valuation change are effective beginning July 1, 1991.

This section does not apply to any rate proceeding commenced on or after October 1, 1991.

Sec. 2. Repeal. This Act is repealed on October 1, 1991.

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

Effective June 11, 1991.

CHAPTER 17

H.P. 1239 - L.D. 1805

An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Save Loring Committee

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

Whereas, Loring Air Force Base is considered a pillar of Aroostook County's economy; and

Whereas, on April 12, 1991 Loring Air Force Base was one of 31 major installations targeted for closing by the federal Department of Defense; and

Whereas, the list of proposed closings will be submitted for review to an independent base-closing commission; and

Whereas, municipal managers and community leaders have formed a committee to gather information to present to the independent base-closing commission in an attempt to reverse the recommendation to close Loring Air Force Base; and

Whereas, in order to launch a successful campaign to reverse the decision to close Loring Air Force Base it is imperative that the committee receive funds 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:

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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Provides funds to the Save Loring Committee.

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

Effective June 12, 1991.

CHAPTER 18

S.P. 40 - L.D. 64

An Act to Provide Funds for Women with Substance Abuse Problems

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

Sec. 1. Needs assessment. The Office of Substance Abuse shall conduct an assessment of the needs of chemically dependent women and shall report its findings, along with a plan to address those needs, to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources by January 15, 1992.

Sec. 2. Technical assistance. The Office of Substance Abuse shall seek federal demonstration project grants for women's programs and provide technical assistance to private agencies to seek federal demonstration project grants for women's programs.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 19

H.P. 1080 - L.D. 1574

An Act to Revise the Charter of the South Berwick Water District

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

Whereas, due to water contamination, some inhabitants of the Town of South Berwick do not have a supply of pure water; and

Whereas, it is necessary to revise the charter of the South Berwick Water District to enable the water district to distribute water to all the inhabitants of the Town of South Berwick; 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. P&SL 1959, c. 61, §1, 2nd ¶, as amended by P&SL 1981, c. 12, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The area comprising the South Berwick Water District is the same as the area comprising the Town of South Berwick together with an area of the Town of Berwick described as follows:

Sec. 2. P&SL 1959, c. 61, §1, 3rd ¶, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1981, c. 12, §3, is amended to read:

~~Beginning at the junction of the South Berwick and Berwick town line with the Salmon Falls River; thence in a southerly direction by the Salmon Falls River to the junction of the Great Works River; thence in a southeasterly direction by the Great Works River to the Great Works Bridge, so-called, at Brattle Street; thence running in a general northeasterly and northerly direction by and along the Great Works River to the intersection of the Great Works River and the Agamenticus Road, so-called; thence turning and running by and along the Agamenticus Road in a general westerly and southerly direction to the marker which is 3,775 feet easterly from the junction of Portland Street and Agamenticus Road; thence northwesterly to the junction of Portland Street, called Route #4 and the Berwick - South Berwick town line; thence in a due northerly direction a distance of 3,500 feet; thence in a due westerly direction a distance of 2,800 feet; thence in a due southerly direction a distance of 4,000 feet, more or less, to the Berwick - South Berwick town line; thence in a westerly direction to the point of beginning.~~

Sec. 3. P&SL 1981, c. 12, §3, first 2 lines are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

Sec. 3. P&SL 1959, c. 61, §1, 3rd ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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

Effective June 17, 1991.

CHAPTER 20

H.P. 1028 - L.D. 1501

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Presque Isle Sewer District

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

P&SL 1925, c. 80, §10, as amended by P&SL 1937, c. 80, §13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 10. Rates payable; adoption of new rates; application of revenue; sinking fund; collection of unpaid rates. All individuals, firms and corporations, whether public, private or municipal, shall pay to the treasurer of the district the rates established by the board of trustees for services rendered. The rates for services must be uniform within the district.

Prior to the adoption of a new rate schedule, the trustees shall hold a public hearing regarding the proposed rate schedule. The trustees shall publish the proposed rates and notice of the hearing not less than once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the district not less than 7 days prior to the hearing. The district shall mail each ratepayer a notice of the public hearing and the proposed new rate at least 14 days prior to the hearing.

The rates are established to provide revenue for the following purposes:

1. To pay the current expenses for operating and maintaining the district including depreciation;

2. To provide for payment of interest on the indebtedness created by the district; and

3. To provide each year a sum equal to not less than 1% nor more than 5% of the entire indebtedness created by the district. The sum is turned into a sinking fund to provide for the final extinguishment of the debt. The money set aside must be devoted to the retirement of the obligations of the district, or invested in securities lawful for savings banks. Provided, however, that the trustees may, in their discretion and in lieu of the establishment of a sinking fund, issue bonds of the district so that not less than 1% of the amount of the bonds issued mature and retire annually.