

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
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PUBLIC LAWS
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1993

tion in Part A, section 1 as a result of Public Law 1993, chapter 5 funding the February 17, 1993 payroll.

Bangor Mental Health Institute

Personal Services (110,000)

Provides for a deappropriation of funds to offset an appropriation in Part A, section 1 as a result of Public Law 1993, chapter 5 funding the February 17, 1993 payroll.

Mental Health Services - Community

All Other 230,000

Provides for an appropriation of funds to offset a deappropriation in Part A, section 1 as a result of Public Law 1993, chapter 5 that deappropriates funds through across-the-board reductions in the administrative costs of community mental health services.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION TOTAL

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

Effective February 18, 1993, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 7

H.P. 437 - L.D. 563

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Reapportionment

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

Whereas, this legislation must be enacted as an emergency measure to ensure that the time frame for congressional district reapportionment conforms to the Constitution of Maine; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Con-

stitution 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. 21-A MRSA §1201, sub-§7, ¶ C, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

C. In 1983 and every 10 years thereafter, when the Secretary of State has received notification of the number of congressional seats to which the State is entitled and the Federal Decennial Census population count is final, the apportionment commission established pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A; shall review the existing congressional districts. If the districts do not conform to Supreme Judicial Court guidelines, the commission shall reapportion the State into congressional districts.

In making such a reapportionment, the commission shall ~~insure~~ ensure that each congressional district is formed of compact and contiguous territory and crosses political subdivisions the least number of times necessary to establish as equally populated districts as possible. The commission shall submit its plan to the Clerk of the House no later than 90 120 calendar days after ~~appointment of the commission~~ the convening of the Legislature in which apportionment is required. The Legislature shall enact the submitted plan of the commission or a plan of its own in regular or special session by a vote of 2/3 of the members of each house within 30 calendar days after the plan is submitted to the Clerk of the House. This action is subject to the Governor's approval, as provided in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2.

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

Effective February 25, 1993.

CHAPTER 8

S.P. 18 - L.D. 8

An Act to Legalize Blue-dot Taillights

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

Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §946-C, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 444, §5, is amended to read:

D. Emergency lights used on a police vehicle; a Department of Corrections vehicle as described in