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its basis or the calculations, the retirement system shall promptly respond and, if necessary, meet with the State Controller or school administrative unit to resolve any dispute.

This subsection does not apply to excess increases resulting from compensation paid prior to July 1, 1993, from compensation paid in accordance with an individual employment contract executed prior to July 1, 1993 or collective bargaining agreement executed or ratified in its final form by final vote of one party to the agreement prior to July 1, 1993 for the initial term of that contract or agreement or from other action by the governing body of the school administrative unit in effect on July 1, 1993. In addition, this subsection does not apply to increases granted to state employees during fiscal years 1993-94 and 1994-95.

Sec. 3. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to June 30, 1993.

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

Effective March 31, 1994.

CHAPTER 581

S.P. 704 - L.D. 1901

An Act to Clarify the Appropriate Acknowledgement of Religious Holidays in Maine Schools

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4805, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Religious holidays. A public school may acknowledge religious holidays by conveying a message of pluralism and freedom of belief in some manner or form that does not endorse religion. In determining whether an acknowledgement endorses religion, school officials shall consider the context in which the acknowledgement appears or occurs.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 582

H.P. 1406 - L.D. 1915

An Act to Establish the Somerset County Budget Committee

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 3, art. 12 is enacted to read:

Article 12

Somerset County Budget Committee

§895. Committee established

There is established the Somerset County Budget Committee, referred to in this article as the "budget committee," to carry out the purposes of this article. As used in this article, "county commissioners" means the county commissioners of Somerset County.

§896. Membership

The budget committee consists of 9 voting members and 3 nonvoting members selected as follows.

1. Municipal representatives. Prior to September 15th each year, municipal officers within each commissioner district shall caucus and elect members from that district for terms as provided in paragraph A. There must be 3 members from each commissioner district, 2 of whom are municipal officers and one of whom is a municipal official as defined in section 2001. No more than one member may represent the same municipality at one time.

A. Members serve for 3-year terms, except that initially each district caucus selects one member for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term. If a budget committee member ceases to be a municipal officer or official during the term of membership, that member shall resign the membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer or official to fill the membership for the remainder of the unexpired term.

2. Legislative member. By September 15th each year, the Somerset County legislative delegation shall select 3 of the delegation's members to serve as nonvoting members on the budget committee.