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Sec. 6. Allocation to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation. The \$20,000,000 of the state ceiling for calendar year 1998 previously allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation is allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 8 for calendar year 1998. Twenty million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 1999 is allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 8.

Sec. 7. Unallocated state ceiling. Thirtyfive million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 1999 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws.

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

Effective March 9, 1998.

CHAPTER 66

H.P. 1563 - L.D. 2194

An Act to Change the Name of the Knox Agricultural Society

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

Whereas, the name of the Knox Agricultural Society needs to be changed immediately so that there is adequate time to prepare advertising for the summer festival; 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 1869, c. 210, §1, as amended by P&SL 1949, c. 32, §1, is further amended to read:

Sec. 1. Incorporator; name. Ziba Simmons, Joseph O. Cobb, N.B. Robbins, Nathan Bachelder, William G. Hawes, George Y. Creighton, Isaac E. Starrett, William G. McCollum, Sumner Leach, Oliver R. Butler, Ornestine Meservey, William H. Merservey, Charles Keene, Isaac Hobbs, Nathaniel Alford, William McDowell, H.G. McCurdy, A.J.H. Newhall, Samuel Ripley, together with such other persons as may join them, are hereby constituted an agricultural society to be known by the name of the Knox Agricultural Society Union Fair Society/State of Maine Wild Blueberry Festival.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1869, c. 210, §2, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 16, is further amended to read:

Sec. 2. Location; limit on funds held. Said society is hereby established within the towns of Warren, Hope, Appleton, Washington, Union and such other towns in Knox county as the trustees may vote to include, and may take and hold property, real and personal, to the amount of \$500,000 for the purposes of said society.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1869, c. 210, §7, as amended by P&SL 1949, c. 32, §3, is further amended to read:

Sec. 7. Vacancies in membership, how filled; fees. All acts and doings of the said society are hereby validated and confirmed and the present members of said society are hereby declared to have been duly elected. The members of the society may elect to membership, any person and fix fees therefor, any resident of the towns within which the society is established for the members.

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

Effective March 18, 1998.

CHAPTER 67

H.P. 1425 - L.D. 1989

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Houlton Water Company

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1880, c. 227, §3, as amended by P&SL 1967, c. 28, §2, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The company may not take by eminent domain the property or facilities of another public utility used or acquired for use in providing service to the public or in the performance of a public duty unless the company applies to the Public Utilities Commission and the commission finds that the taking is in the public interest.