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the original plans are not in existence or ~~cannot~~ can not be had at a reasonable price, they shall procure copies of the most authentic plans known to exist. All ~~such~~ copies shall must be on the best quality of linen paper backed with cloth or polyester film with archival photographic image. Suitable filing cases ~~shall must~~ be provided in each registry of deeds for the reception and preservation of such the plans and a suitable index ~~thereof shall of the plans must~~ be made, having at least both alphabetical and chronological arrangement, and shall must be revised whenever new plans for recording are received.

Sec. 7. 33 MRSA §662 is amended to read:

§662. Plans showing allotment of lands in cities and towns

~~The aldermen municipal officers of any a city and the selectmen of any or town may, and upon the written request of 3 or more taxpayers of the city or town shall, cause any plans in the possession of the city or town or otherwise available, showing the allotment of lands in said the city or town, to be recorded in the registry of deeds in the county or registry district wherein in which any such city or town is situated. Said plans shall be transcribed or copied upon mounted drawing paper of the best quality in a suitable book furnished by the register at the expense of the county. The plans must be recorded and kept in accordance with the provisions of section 652.~~

Sec. 8. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 497, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Instruments generally. Receiving, recording and indexing any instrument that may be recorded and for which a specific fee is not set forth in this section or in any other section, the sum of \$8 for the first record page and \$2 for each additional record page or portion of an additional record page. In addition, if more than 4 names are to be indexed, a fee of ~~25¢~~ \$1 must be paid for each additional name, counting all grantors and grantees;

Sec. 9. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§13-A is enacted to read:

13-A. Previously recorded instrument. An instrument satisfying, releasing, discharging, assigning, subordinating, continuing, amending or extending an instrument previously recorded in the county in which recording is requested, must make reference to only one previously recorded instrument, or a fee of \$8 for each additional previously recorded instrument referred to must be paid.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 56

H.P. 369 - L.D. 477

An Act To Establish the Maine Week of Heroes

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §146 is enacted to read:

§146. Maine Week of Heroes

Each political subdivision and school administrative unit is encouraged to observe a Maine Week of Heroes during the week, commencing on a Sunday and ending on the next following Saturday, within which September 11th occurs. The observance may include public proclamations, appropriate ceremonies and the introduction of curricula in school systems recognizing the efforts of heroic people in Maine communities, such as active duty military personnel, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, law enforcement officers, members of the National Guard, members of the United States Coast Guard, United States military veterans and all other heroes who have given their courageous service without regard for their own lives or personal safety to benefit the people of this great land and to serve the needs of the citizens of the State.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 57

H.P. 412 - L.D. 527

An Act To Improve the Method of Reapportionment of School Boards

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

Whereas, this legislation changes the method of achieving necessary reductions in the number of directors of school administrative districts; and

Whereas, it is essential that this improved method be applied as soon as possible; 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,