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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
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THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Lewiston, Maine
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seek to take full advantage of federal funding, including reimbursements.

3. Reports. The State Court Administrator shall keep statistical records relating to the cases handled by the Family Division and report this information to the Supreme Judicial Court annually and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by January 15th of each odd-numbered calendar year.

A. The State Court Administrator shall evaluate the functioning of the family ~~case management officers~~ law magistrates in providing a system of justice that is responsive to the needs of families and the support of their children in light of the jurisdiction given to the family ~~case management officers~~ law magistrates under this section. The State Court Administrator shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters no later than January 15, 1999 with recommendations, if any, for changing the duties provided in subsection 1, paragraph D.

B. The State Court Administrator shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by January 15, 1999 explaining the justification for the particular geographic assignments of the family ~~case management officers~~ law magistrates.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 385

H.P. 425 - L.D. 592

An Act To Allow Case Management Officers To Conduct Hearings in Divorce Court

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRS §183, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Pilot project. Notwithstanding the jurisdictional limitations of subsection 1, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may establish a pilot project in which one or more family case management officers have jurisdiction to hear and dispose of all elements of a divorce action when both parties consent. Orders of the family case management officer are subject to appellate review in the same manner as any final order of the District Court.

Sec. 2. Report. The State Court Administrator shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by January 15, 2007 explaining the results of any pilot project implemented under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 183, subsection 4.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 386

H.P. 1186 - L.D. 1677

An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2005, June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable 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:

PART A

Sec. A-1. Supplemental appropriations and allocations. There are appropriated and allocated from various funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007, to the departments listed, the following sums.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Revenue Services - Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Transfers one Data Entry Specialist position from the Office of the State Controller to Maine Revenue Services for the purpose of consolidating the scanning functions.