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committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters during the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature. On or before February 1, 1994 the state board shall adopt rules for approving movable equipment costs for school construction.

Sec. J-2. Effective date. This Part takes effect January 1, 2007.

PART K

- **Sec. K-1. Clayton Lake Township.** Wherever the designation T11 R14 WELS appears or reference is made to T11 R14 WELS, that designation or reference means Clayton Lake Township.
- **Sec. K-2. Effective date.** This Part takes effect January 1, 2007.

PART L

- **Sec. L-1. 21-A MRSA §809-A, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:
- 1-A. Prohibition not applicable. For the purpose of providing a voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities as required by section 812-A, subsection 1 and the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, the prohibition in subsection 1 does not apply to the connection of individual voting devices to a central server using a wired, point-to-point telephone connection that is not Internet-enabled when the central server is operated or managed by the Secretary of State.

This subsection is repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

PART M

- **Sec. M-1. 5 MRSA §1534, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 636, Pt. A, §4, is further amended to read:
- 1. Establishment of General Fund appropriation limitation. As of December 1st of each evennumbered year, there must be established a General Fund appropriation limitation for the ensuing biennium. The General Fund appropriation limitation applies to all General Fund appropriations, except that the additional cost for essential programs and services for kindergarten to grade 12 education under Title 20-A, chapter 606-B over the fiscal year 2004-05 appropriation for general purpose aid for local schools is excluded from the General Fund appropriation limitation until the state share of that cost reaches 55% of the total state and local cost and except that the additional state costs for the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program, established

pursuant to chapter 13, is excluded from the General Fund appropriation limitation.

- A. For the first fiscal year of the biennium, the General Fund appropriation limitation is equal to the biennial base year appropriation multiplied by one plus the growth limitation factor in subsection 2.
- B. For the 2nd year of the biennium, the General Fund appropriation limitation is the General Fund appropriation limitation of the first year of the biennium biennial base year appropriation multiplied by one plus the growth limitation factor in subsection 2.

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

Effective June 2, 2006, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 684

H.P. 1507 - L.D. 2118

An Act Relating to the Handling of Firearms Confiscated by Law Enforcement Officers Pursuant to a Court Order

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

- **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2804-C, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:
- 2-C. Receipt of firearms; training; procedure; liability. Beginning January 1, 2008, the Maine Criminal Justice Academy shall provide training for municipal, county and state law enforcement officers regarding the proper handling, storage, safekeeping and return of firearms and firearm accessories received pursuant to a court order under Title 19-A, section 4006, subsection 2-A or Title 19-A, section 4007, subsection 1, paragraph A-1. Such training must include education concerning the prohibitions on the purchase or possession of a firearm when a protection order has been obtained and communication with parties to protection orders concerning such prohibitions.

In developing materials for training in domestic violence issues, the Maine Criminal Justice Academy may consult with a statewide organization involved in advocacy for victims of domestic violence and with an organization having statewide membership representing the interests of firearms owners.

A law enforcement officer who receives custody of a firearm pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4006, subsection 2-A or Title 19-A, section 4007, subsection 1, paragraph A-1 shall exercise reasonable care to avoid loss, damage or reduction in value of the firearm and may not permanently mark the firearm or fire the firearm unless there is reasonable suspicion that the firearm has been used in the commission of a crime. Any liability for damage or reduction in value to such a firearm is governed by Title 14, chapter 741.

See title page for effective date.