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Augusta, Maine
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CHAPTER 55

S.P. 104 - L.D. 243

An Act To Amend the Composition of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §823, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

1. Membership. The budget committee shall consist consists of 9 members, 3 members from each commissioner district selected at least 90 days before the end of the fiscal year as provided for in this section and in a manner established by the county commissioners.

A. Of the 3 members from each commissioner district, one must be a municipal official and one must be a representative of the general public. All 3 members shall must be appointed by the county commissioners.

~~One member of the general public on the committee must be a resident of the unorganized territories. No other member of the general public on the committee may be a resident of the unorganized territories.~~ The county commissioners shall appoint one member who is a resident of the unorganized territories as a member of the committee and may appoint up to one additional resident of the unorganized territories to be a member of the committee.

B. It is the responsibility of the county budget committee to review the budget and estimates, including the budget for municipal services in the unorganized territory prepared by the county commissioners, and to make recommendations concerning the budget and estimates.

C. The term of office is as follows:

- (1) The member who is a municipal officer, appointed by the county commissioners, has an initial term of one year;
(2) The member who is a representative of the general public, appointed by the county commissioners, has an initial term of 2 years; and
(3) The 3rd member has an initial term of 3 years.

The terms of the respective members shall increase by one year at the time of reappointment, except the 3-year term, which shall become becomes a one-year term.

D. A vacancy occurring on the budget committee shall must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. The person appointed to fill the vacant office must have the same qualifications as the person vacating the office.

E. Members shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 2. Transition provision. The initial appointment pursuant to this Act of a member of the Piscataquis County Budget Committee who is a resident of an unorganized territory must occur in the manner established by the county commissioners.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 56

S.P. 115 - L.D. 266

An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §456-I is enacted to read:

§456-I. Maine Lighthouse Trust registration plates

1. Maine Lighthouse Trust registration plates.

The Secretary of State, upon receiving an application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482, the annual motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501 or 504 and the contribution provided for in subsection 3, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates to be used in lieu of regular registration plates.

2. Design; review; vanity plates.

The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Maine Lighthouse Trust, shall determine a design for the Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters shall review the final design prior to manufacture of the plates. The Secretary of State shall issue upon request Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates that are also vanity plates. Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates are issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 453.

3. Contribution; credit to funds.

In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the initial contribution for Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates is \$20, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

A. Ten dollars to the Maine Lighthouse Trust to support lighthouse restoration and preservation efforts;

B. Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

4. Renewal fee. In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law, the annual renewal contribution for Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

A. Ten dollars to the Maine Lighthouse Trust to support lighthouse restoration and preservation efforts;

B. Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

5. Payment for costs associated with the production and issuance of the first 2,000 plates. The sponsor of the Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates shall provide \$50,000 to the Secretary of State for costs associated with the production and issuance of Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates. The Secretary of State shall deposit these funds in the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469. In accordance with section 468, subsection 3-A, the Secretary of State shall provide 2,000 credit receipts to the sponsor.

6. Transfer of fees. On a quarterly basis, the Secretary of State shall transfer the revenue from the issuance and renewal of Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates to the Treasurer of State for deposit and crediting pursuant to subsections 3 and 4.

7. Duplicate plates prohibited. The Secretary of State shall issue a Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plate in a unique 3-number and 3-letter combination sequence. Vanity plates may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

8. Date of first issue. The Secretary of State shall issue the first Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plate by October 1, 2022.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF
Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Allocates funds for the Maine Lighthouse Trust from registration and renewal fees for the Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
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All Other	\$11,500	\$32,671
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,500	\$32,671

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Allocates funds for the costs of manufacturing the Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plates.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$52,287	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$52,287	\$0

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$63,787	\$32,671
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$63,787	\$32,671

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 57
S.P. 120 - L.D. 269**

**An Act To Prohibit Smoking in
Bus Shelters**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1542, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 140, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Prohibition. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas of public places, including bus shelters, in outdoor eating areas as provided in section 1550 and in all rest rooms made available to the public. In the case of a child care facility that is not home-based, smoking is also prohibited in a facility-designated motor vehicle within 12 hours before transporting a child who is in the care of the child care facility, and whenever such a child is present in the vehicle. Smoking is also prohibited in outdoor areas of the facility where children may be present.

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