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CHAPTER 496 S.P. 392 - L.D. 1206

An Act Regarding the Terms of Office of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission, the State Librarian and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §84-A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. E, §30, is further amended to read:

§84-A. Museum director; appointment

The Director of the Maine State Museum Commission must be qualified by training or by experience in museum work and is appointed by the Maine State Museum Commission. The director shall serve for an indefinite term, subject to removal for cause at the pleasure of the Maine State Museum Commission. The commission Maine State Museum Commission shall fix compensation for the director within salary range 88.

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §112, as amended by PL 2019, c. 150, §11, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§112. - Maine Library Commission functions

Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §112, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, §6, is amended to read:

The library commission <u>Maine Library Commission</u> shall:

- **Sec. 4. 27 MRSA §112, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. E, §31, is further amended to read:
- 1. Appointment of State Librarian. Appoint the State Librarian. The State Librarian must be qualified through training or experience in library work. The State Librarian shall serve for an indefinite term, subject to removal for cause at the pleasure of the Maine Library Commission. The commission Maine Library Commission shall fix compensation for the State Librarian within salary range 88;
- **Sec. 5. 27 MRSA §403-A,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. E, §32, is further amended to read:

§403-A. Director of Maine Arts Commission; appointment

The Director of the Maine Arts Commission must be qualified by training or experience and is appointed by the Maine Arts Commission. The director shall serve for an indefinite term subject to removal for cause at the pleasure of the Maine Arts Commission. The commission Maine Arts Commission shall fix compensation for the director within salary range 88.

- **Sec. 6. Application.** This Act does not apply to a Director of the Maine State Museum Commission appointed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 27, section 84-A, a State Librarian appointed pursuant to Title 27, section 112, subsection 1 or a Director of the Maine Arts Commission appointed pursuant to Title 27, section 403-A who was appointed before January 1, 2021.
- **Sec. 7. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2021.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 497 S.P. 611 - L.D. 1752

An Act To Provide Insurance Coverage for a Beneficiary on a Transfer on Death Deed

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

Whereas, after a homeowner's death it can take time to reinstate an insurance policy on real property; and

Whereas, continuity of homeowner's insurance coverage after the homeowner's death is critical to protecting the assets of an estate and the interests of the beneficiaries; 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. 24-A MRSA §3049-A is enacted to read:

§3049-A. Transfer on death deed; provision and cancellation of property insurance

- 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
 - A. "Designated beneficiary" has the same meaning as in Title 18-C, section 6-402, subsection 2.
 - B. "Insurable interest" has the same meaning as in section 2406, subsection 2.
 - C. "Policy" means an insurance contract subject to this subchapter.
 - D. "Transfer on death deed" has the same meaning as in Title 18-C, section 6-402, subsection 6.