

as an original applicant, except that the director, in his discretion, may waive any and all of the examination requirements.

382:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect sixty days after its passage.

[Approved June 7, 1975.]

[Effective date August 6, 1975.]

CHAPTER 383.

AN ACT PERMITTING THE USE OF RECORDING DEVICES IN PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

383:1 Recording Devices Permitted. Amend RSA 91-A:2 (supp), as inserted by 1967, 251:1, as amended, by inserting in line three after the word "agencies" the following (Any person shall be permitted to use recording devices, including but not limited to, tape recorders, cameras and videotape equipment, at such meetings.) and by striking out in line seven the words "section 5 of this chapter" and inserting in place thereof the following (RSA 91-A:5) so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

91-A:2 Meetings Open to the Public. All public proceedings shall be open to the public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meetings of those bodies or agencies. Any person shall be permitted to use recording devices, including but not limited to, tape recorders, cameras and videotape equipment, at such meetings. Minutes of all such meetings, including names of members, persons appearing before the bodies or agencies, and a brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions shall be promptly recorded and open to public inspection within seventy-two hours of the public meeting, except as provided by RSA 91-A:5, and shall be treated as permanent records of any body or agency, without exception. Except in an emergency or when there is a meeting of a legislative committee, a notice of the time and place of each such meeting shall be posted in two appropriate public places or shall be printed in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town at least twenty-four hours, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, prior to such meetings. An emergency shall mean a situation where immediate undelayed action is deemed to be imperative and the minutes of the meeting shall clearly spell out the need for the emergency meeting. When a meeting of a legislative committee is held, publication made pursuant to the rules of the house of representatives shall be sufficient notice. If the charter of any city or guide lines set down by the appointing authority requires a broader public access to official meetings and records than herein described, such charter provisions or guide lines shall take precedence over the requirements of this chapter.

383:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect sixty days after its passage.

[Approved June 7, 1975.]

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CHAPTER 384.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATE MEMBERS ON THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY AND THE MERRIMACK RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSIONS.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

384:1 Connecticut River Flood Control Commission; Alternate Members. Amend RSA 487 by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

487:6 Designation of Alternate. Each commissioner designated or appointed hereunder may appoint an alternate member to serve in his place at meetings of the commission that he is unable to attend, provided, however, that whenever a member is a state employee, his alternate shall also be a state employee. All such appointments shall be made in writing, with written notification to the commission identifying the alternate member. Alternate members shall receive no compensation. Each commissioner may not appoint more than one alternate, and at no meeting shall one alternate represent more than one commissioner.

384:2 Merrimack River Flood Control Commission; Alternate Members. Amend RSA 487-A by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

487-A:6 Designation of Alternate. Each commissioner designated or appointed hereunder may appoint an alternate member to serve in his place at meetings of the commission that he is unable to attend, provided, however, that whenever a member is a state employee, his alternate shall also be a state employee. All such appointments shall be made in writing, with written notification to the commission identifying the alternate member. Alternate members shall receive no compensation. Each commissioner may not appoint more than one alternate, and at no meeting shall one alternate represent more than one commissioner.

384:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved June 7, 1975.]

[Effective date June 7, 1975.]

CHAPTER 385.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF WIRETAPPING DEVICES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND THE COOPERATION OF COMMUNICATION COMMON CARRIERS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND REPEALING THE CRIME OF VIOLATION OF PRIVACY OF MESSAGES.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

385:1 Authorized Use of Electronic Devices by Law Enforcement Officers. Amend RSA 570-A:1, IV(a), as inserted by 1969, 403:1, by striking out said subparagraph and inserting in place thereof the following: