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mark in the square at the left and close to each nominee for whom he wishes to vote, regardless of political designation, but must follow directions as to the number of nominees to be elected to each office.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 925, sub-§ 2, ¶ E, is enacted to read:

E. Fictitious or other names. If a voter writes in a write-in square a fictitious name, the name of a deceased person, or the name of a well-known person from outside the State who could not be a candidate for office, the vote for that office shall not be counted. A name written in in such a manner shall not be considered a distinguishing mark.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 925, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA § 925, sub-§ 4 is enacted to read:

4. Determination of choice possible. If a voter marks his ballot in a manner which differs from the instructions at the top of the ballot but in such a manner that it is possible to determine the voter's choice, then the vote for the office or question concerned shall be counted. A mark made on or in the square which differs from the instructions at the top of the ballot but which clearly indicates the voter's choice shall not be considered a distinguishing mark.

A. Exceptions. When a voter has clearly manifested an intention to make a distinguishing mark, or to mark his ballot in a manner inconsistent with an honest purpose or to act in a fraudulent manner, then the ballot is void.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 174

AN ACT to Provide Reimbursement for Snow Removal on Accepted Ways.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA § 1005, sub-§ 1, ¶¶ A-D, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 620, § 2, are repealed and the following enacted in their places:

A. If the state valuation exceeds \$6,250,000, reimbursements shall be made to the extent of \$100 per mile in accordance with approved certification of costs.

B. If the state valuation is \$3,750,000 or less, such municipalities shall bear the first \$70 of cost per mile, and reimbursements shall be made to said municipalities in accordance with approved certification of costs; except that such reimbursement shall not exceed \$400 per mile.

C. If the state valuation is more than \$3,750,000 but does not exceed

\$4,750,000, the municipalities shall bear the first \$70 of cost per mile, and reimbursements shall be made to those municipalities in accordance with approved certification of costs; except that such reimbursement shall not exceed \$300 per mile.

D. If the state valuation is more than \$4,750,000 but does not exceed \$6,250,000, the municipalities shall bear the first \$70 of cost per mile, and reimbursements shall be made to said municipalities in accordance with approved certification of costs; except that such reimbursement shall not exceed \$200 per mile.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA § 1005, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 593, § 22, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Certification of costs. Certification of costs for the season's snow removal work on routes designated in section 1002 are to be received at the office of the Department of Transportation on or before May 1st following the winter in which the work is done.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective when reimbursements are made for the 1978-79 winter season.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 175

AN ACT to Increase the Penalties for Violation of State Antitrust Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA § 1101, last sentence, as amended by PL 1973, c. 489, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Whoever shall make any such contract or engage in any such combination or conspiracy shall be guilty of a Class C crime.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA § 1102 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1102. Conspiracies to monopolize trade

Whoever shall monopolize or attempt to monopolize or combine or conspire with any other person or persons to monopolize any part of the trade or commerce of this State shall be guilty of a Class C crime.

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA § 1104 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1104. Right of action and damages