

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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(3) Signatures on petitions; and

(4) Names appearing for write-in candidates on ballots.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 223

H.P. 320 - L.D. 379

AN ACT to Strengthen the Laws Relating  
to the Sexual Exploitation of Minors.

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

17 MRSA §2923, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 628, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Offense. A person is guilty of dissemination of sexually explicit material if he intentionally or knowingly disseminates or possesses with intent to disseminate any book, magazine, print, negative, slide, motion picture, videotape or other mechanically reproduced visual material which depicts any minor, who the person knows or has reason to know is a minor, engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 224

H.P. 387 - L.D. 470

AN ACT Relating to Nomination Petitions  
for Municipal Office.

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

30 MRSA §2061, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1979, c. 150, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

3. Nomination papers. The nomination for any office shall be made by nomination papers signed by the following number of voters based on the popu-

lation of the town according to the last Decennial Census of the United States: Not less than 3 nor more than 10 in towns of 200 or less population; not less than 10 nor more than 25 in towns of 201 to 500; and not less than 25 nor more than 75 100 in towns of 501 ~~to 4,000~~ more than 500; ~~not less than 75 nor more than 125~~ in towns of 4,001 to 10,000; and ~~not less than 100 nor more than 150~~ in towns of more than 10,000. Nomination papers shall be made available by the municipal clerk to prospective candidates during the 40 days prior to the final date of filing, and before issuance, the town clerk may complete each sheet by filling in the name of the candidate, the title and term of office which is being sought.

A. Each voter who signs a nomination paper shall add his place of residence with the street and number, if any. He may subscribe only to as many nomination papers for each office as there are vacancies to be filled.

B. All certificates of political caucus nominations shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of the caucus. Such certificates and nomination papers shall specify the name of the candidate and the office for which he is nominated. They shall be filed with the clerk during business hours on or before the 35th day next prior to the day of election. With such nomination papers and certificates there shall be filed the consent in writing of the persons proposed therein as candidates, agreeing to accept the nomination if nominated, not to withdraw, and, if elected at the municipal election, to qualify as such municipal officer. When filed, they shall be made available by the clerk to public inspection under proper protective regulations. The clerk shall keep them in his office for 6 months.

C. A certificate of political caucus nomination and a nomination paper which conforms with this section is valid unless a written objection to it is made to the selectmen on or before the 33rd day next prior to the day of election.

(1) When an objection is made, notice shall be delivered immediately by the clerk to the candidate affected by it.

(2) Objections arising in the case of nominations shall be determined by the selectmen, and their decision is final.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, where the municipal officers determine to fill a vacancy under the terms of section 2253, which must be filled by election, the

municipal officers may designate a shorter time period for the availability of nomination papers but not less than 10 days prior to the final date for filing, and may designate a shorter time period for the final date for filing nomination papers but not less than the 14th day next prior to the day of election. Notice of the designation shall be posted in the same place or places as town meeting warrants are posted and local representatives of the media shall be notified of the designation.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 225

H.P. 1014 - L.D. 1339

### AN ACT To Amend the Law Relating to Games of Chance.

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §330, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Game of skill. "Game of skill" means a game or contest in which a person stakes something of value for an opportunity to win something of value and in which the average player, either with or without a reasonable amount of practice, can determine the outcome of the game through the exercise of skill without the presence of a material degree of chance.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §332, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Prohibited games. The following games are prohibited.

A. No game may be allowed which utilizes objects which are constructed, designed or altered to be other than what they appear to be and to respond in a way other than that in which the average player would assume that they would respond, unless that construction, design or alteration is permitted in the rules governing that game and the construction, design or alteration meets the requirements of those rules.

B. No game may be allowed in which the operator either partially or entirely controls the outcome