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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.

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

of the game by his manner of operating or conducting the games.

C. No game may be allowed in which the outcome depends upon the word of the operator against the word of the player.

D. No game of skill may be allowed which includes any mechanical or physical device which directly or indirectly impedes, impairs or thwarts the skill of the player.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §340, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 350, §12, is amended to read:

§340. Persons under 16 years of age

No licensee, game owner or operator shall may permit persons under the age of 16 years to take part in a game of chance. No person under the age of 16 years shall may sell chances, except in relation to charitable, religious or recognized youth associations.

No person under the age of 18 years shall may be licensed under this chapter.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 226

H.P. 1110 - L.D. 1455

AN ACT to Prohibit Smoking in Jury Rooms.

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

22 MRSA §1579 is enacted to read:

§1579. Smoking prohibited in jury rooms

1. Smoking prohibited. No person may smoke tobacco or any other substance in any room used for any meetings or deliberations of a jury, except as otherwise provided in this section.

2. Smoking defined. "Smoking" includes carrying or having in one's possession a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other object giving off or containing any substance giving off smoke.