

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**2000**

C. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Director of the ~~Natural Resources Information and Mapping Center~~ Bureau of Geology and Natural Areas shall serve as technical advisors to the board.

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**CHAPTER 557**

**S.P. 900 - L.D. 2350**

**An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Solid Waste Disposal Districts**

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

**Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1724, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 597, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Authorization.** All of the affairs of a disposal district must be managed by an appointed board of directors that consists of not less than 3 directors. The exact number of directors must be determined in accordance with section 1721. Each director is entitled to the number of votes that corresponds to the level of population in that director's municipality as set forth in the following table, unless an alternative method of apportioning votes is approved by a majority vote of the municipal officers representing each member of the disposal district prior to or at the time of formation.

Population	No. of Votes
0 - 1,000	1
1,001 - 2,500	2
2,501 - 5,000	3
5,001 - 10,000	4
10,001 - 15,000	5
15,001 - 25,000	6
25,001 - 35,000	7
35,001 - 50,000	8
50,001 - 65,000	9
65,001 and over	10

A director may not split votes. In the event a municipality has more than one director, directors from that municipality shall share equally the number of votes

for that municipality but may vote independently of each other. A determination of population must be made based upon the latest official Decennial Census of the United States by the United States Bureau of Census. A disposal district may alter the number of its directors by submitting the proposed alteration to the voters in the same manner as provided in section 1721, subsection 7. No municipality within any disposal district may have less than one director. A quorum of the directors may conduct the affairs of the district even if there is a vacancy on the board of directors. A quorum is defined as a simple majority of eligible and appointed directors, provided that a majority of the member municipalities are represented. A simple majority of directors voting, either in person or by written consent, may conduct the affairs of the district.

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**CHAPTER 558**

**S.P. 891 - L.D. 2310**

**An Act to Change the Name in the Statutes of a Native American Organization Able to Issue Hunting and Fishing Licenses**

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

**Whereas**, the Central Maine Indian Association no longer exists; and

**Whereas**, until "Wesget-Suppo" is recognized in the statutes as the organization authorized to issue fishing, trapping and hunting licenses, Native Americans will be unfairly denied benefits under the inland and fisheries laws; 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. 12 MRSA §7076, sub-§9, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 304, §8, is further amended to read:

A. The commissioner shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license to any Indian, 10 years of age or older, of the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet or Micmac Tribes without any charge or fee, providing the Indian presents a