

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Augusta, Maine**  
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**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2556, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 641, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Petition.** An habitual offender whose license has been revoked pursuant to section 2552 may petition the Secretary of State for a work-restricted license only after the expiration of ~~8 months~~ 18 months from the date the license was revoked pursuant to section 2552.

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## CHAPTER 515

H.P. 1409 - L.D. 1847

### An Act Regarding Fire Inspections for Foster Homes

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8103, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 728, §12, is further amended to read:

**1. Procedures.** All procedures and other provisions included in section 7904-A, subsections 1 and 2, for boarding care facilities also apply to children's homes, except that the written statement referred to in section 7904-A, subsection 1 need not be furnished annually by the Commissioner of Public Safety to the department ~~when a children's home serves only one or 2 children for a facility licensed as a family foster home or a specialized children's home.~~ In these instances an inspection must be performed every 2 years.

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## CHAPTER 516

H.P. 1519 - L.D. 2023

### An Act to Amend the Election Laws

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §115, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1987, c. 188, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §411, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 154, §2, is further amended to read:

**1. Determination of primary.** When the state committee of a political party certifies that there is a

contest among candidates for nomination as the presidential candidate of the party and has notified the State of its intent to participate in a presidential preference primary election, the State shall hold a presidential preference primary election.

**Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §411-A, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 436, §61, is further amended to read:

**3. Statement of intent.** A statement that the party intends to participate in a presidential preference primary election. Such a statement of intent is irrevocable for that particular presidential preference primary election; and

**Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §415, sub-§1**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1995, c. 154, §8, is amended to read:

**1. Selection by convention.** Delegates must be selected by state parties meeting in convention pursuant to subchapter I, article III at any time after the presidential preference primary election.

**Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA c. 5, sub-c. VI**, as amended, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §605, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Poster for prospective registrants and voters.** The Secretary of State shall prepare instruction posters to advise prospective registrants and voters of their rights.

A. An instruction poster advising prospective registrants and voters of their rights must be conspicuously posted at the entrances to all polling places and voter registration places.

**Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §606, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §43, is further amended to read:

**3. Receipt issued; inspection of ballots in an election.** Upon receipt of a package or box containing absentee ballots or blank absentee ballots for an election, the clerk shall open the sealed package or box of ballots and verify that the ballots do not contain any errors and that the correct number of ballots has been received. The clerk shall immediately notify the Secretary of State if a ballot is incorrect or if the correct number of ballots has not been received and shall also immediately send the Secretary of State a receipt for the absentee ballots the clerk receives received noting any discrepancies on the receipt. The clerk shall then proceed to issue absentee ballots or blank absentee ballots in response to pending requests. Upon receipt of a package or box containing regular ballots for an election, the clerk shall open, in the