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Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor of the State of Maine
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Dear Governor King:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. Section 8056-A, the Secretary of State is hereby submitting its report on the progress of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

During the year of 1997, there were 292 proposed rule notices and 452 adopted rules. There was an increase of 40 proposed rules and a decrease of 138 adopted rules from 1996. At the end of 1997, there were 1,757 rules on file with the Secretary of State. This is an increase of 55 from the rules on file at the end of 1996. Some agencies are still in the process of reviewing and updating their rules in accordance with Executive Order 6 FY 94/95.

During the calendar year of 1997, the cost of publishing the rule-making notices was \$243,365.11. This was an increase of \$22,886.28 from 1996. This amount was spread among the rule-making agencies *pro rata*.

The Secretary of State solicited comments on the progress of the Maine Administrative Act by publishing an ad in five daily Maine newspapers in December, 1997. We did not receive any comments.

Direct access to the full texts of Maine's rule chapters may be found through a clickable button on my home page on the World-Wide Web: <http://www.state.me.us/sos/sos.htm>

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this report or on the A.P.A., please feel welcome to contact Don Wismer, Administrative Procedure Coordinator at 287-6381.

Sincerely,

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Secretary of State