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January 30, 2003

Honorable John E. Baldacci  
Governor of Maine  
1 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Baldacci:

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 2002, there were 337 proposed rule notices and 515 adopted rules. This represents an increase of 17 proposed rules and a decrease of 31 adopted rules from 2001. There were 11 major-substantive rules submitted to the First Regular Session of the 120<sup>th</sup> Legislature. This is an increase of 15 from 2001. Additionally, during 2002, the cost of publishing the rule-making notices was \$310,144.66. This was a decrease of \$17,712.78 from 2001. This amount was spread among the rule-making agencies *pro rata*. At the end of 2002, there were 1,872 rules on file with the Secretary of State. This is an increase of 31 from the rules in effect at the end of 2001.

The Secretary of State solicited comments on the progress of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act by publishing a notice in five daily Maine newspapers. We did not receive any comments.

Direct access to the full text of Maine's rule chapters and regulatory agendas may be found on the Department's website at: [www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rcn/apa/dept.htm](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rcn/apa/dept.htm).

If you have any questions regarding the Administrative Procedure Act, please contact Deborah Cabana, Director of Elections and Commissions at 624-7650.

Sincerely yours,

**Dan A. Gwadosky**  
Secretary of State