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MATTHEW DUNLAP  
SECRETARY OF STATE

January 29, 2015

Honorable Paul R. LePage, Governor  
1 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0001

Dear Governor LePage,

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. §8056-A, herein is the Secretary of State's report on the progress of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

During the year 2014, there were 277 proposed rule filings and 296 adopted rule filings. This represents a decrease of 40 proposed rule filings and a decrease of 41 adopted rule filings from 2013. There are fewer proposals than adoptions because of emergency adoption filings. There were 14 provisional major substantive rule adoptions submitted by agencies to the Secretary of State and the Legislature during 2014, which is three fewer than 2013. At the end of 2014 there were 2,045 current rule chapters on file with the Secretary of State.

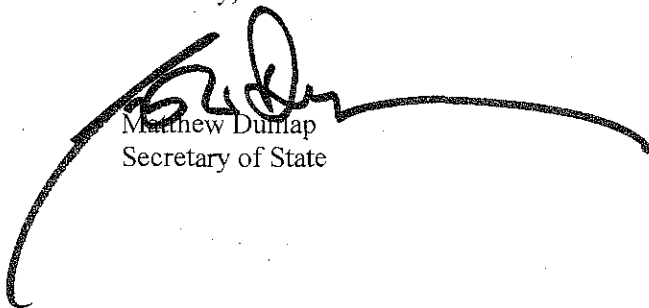
Additionally, during 2014, the cost of publishing the Wednesday rule-making proposal notices in five daily newspapers was \$225,649. This was a decrease of \$33,847 from 2013. This cost was spread among the rule-making agencies *pro rata*. Pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Public Laws of 2011, notice of the adoption of rules is no longer published in the newspapers. The average annual cost for the five years preceding the elimination of newspaper publication of adoption notices was \$487,226. Weekly adoption notices are included on the Bureau's (CEC) website along with the rule-making proposal notices.

The Secretary of State solicited comments on the progress of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act by publishing a notice in five daily Maine newspapers and on the Internet. No comments were received.

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/rules](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules).

If you have any questions regarding the Administrative Procedure Act, please contact me or Julie Flynn, Deputy Secretary of State at 624-7650.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Michael Willette, Senate Chair  
Honorable Roland Danny Martin, House Chair  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government  
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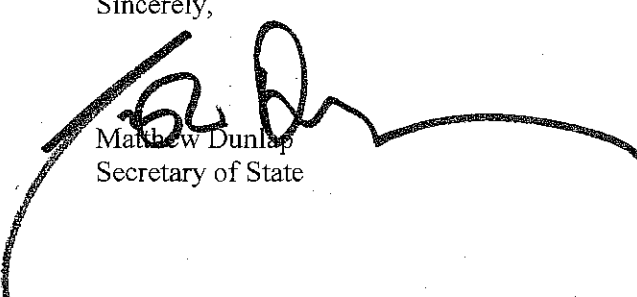
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