

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY  
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1975

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PUBLIC LAWS  
OF THE  
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**§ 591. Power of officers; uniforms**

Employees of the State Prison shall have the same power and authority as sheriffs in their respective counties, only insofar as searching for and apprehending escapees from State Prison are concerned, when so authorized by the warden. Employees of the State Prison may be provided, at the expense of the State, with distinctive uniforms, for use when requisite to the performance of their official duties, all of which shall remain the property of the State, or may be provided with an equivalent clothing allowance when the private purchase of special clothing is similarly requisite to the performance of their official duties. Section 595 shall be applicable whether the employee in the exercise of his authority is in or out of uniform.

Sec. 2. 34 MRSA § 810, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 346, § 8, is amended to read:

**§ 810. Powers of officers; uniforms**

Employees of the center shall have the same power and authority as sheriffs in their respective counties, only insofar as searching for, and apprehending escapees from the center are concerned, when so authorized by the superintendent. Employees of the center may be provided, at the expense of the State, with distinctive uniforms, for use when requisite to the performance of their official duties, all of which shall remain the property of the State, or may be provided with an equivalent clothing allowance when the private purchase of special clothing is similarly requisite to the performance of their official duties. All inmates are required to obey all orders of employees of the center, whether those employees are in uniform or not.

Effective October 1, 1975

## CHAPTER 386

### AN ACT Relating to Absentee Balloting in Municipal Elections.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 2062, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 536, § 2, is further amended to read:

~~When any~~ If a town which has accepted section 2061 ~~accepts this section at a meeting held at least 60 days before the annual meeting,~~ absentee ballots may be cast at all regular and special elections ~~of town officials at which section 2061 is applicable,~~ including elections for town meeting members where the representative town meeting form of government is used. ~~Section 2061 and this section may be accepted at the same meeting~~

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 2062, sub-§ 2 is enacted to read:

2. Absentee ballot. The absentee ballot requirements of Title 21, section 1252, shall apply, provided that the words "Absentee Ballot" may be marked conspicuously, instead of printed, on both sides of the folded ballot, if at

least one such marking includes an attestation with the written signature of the clerk and is sealed with the municipal seal.

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 387

### AN ACT to Provide for Date of Election on Applications for Absentee Voting.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 1252, sub-§ 2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Form of envelope. The return envelope in which the absentee ballot is to be placed shall include on its outside a conspicuously printed warning to the voter of the provisions of section 1258 and of section 1579, subsection 13.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 1 is amended to read:

1. Applications available. On request, the clerk shall furnish a reasonable number of ballot applications to any person, provided that the date of the election for which such application shall be used is plainly printed on its face and that no application shall be furnished more than 3 months prior to the election for which such application shall be used.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 3, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 625, § 112, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

The clerk shall keep a list of the persons who vote in the clerk's office pursuant to subsection 5.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA § 1253, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. Absentee voting in clerk's office. A person who wishes to vote by absentee ballot because he will not be present in the municipality or able to vote in person at the voting place on election day may, without completing an application, vote by absentee ballot before the clerk or deputy clerk of the municipality in the clerk's office during regular business hours. The method of voting shall otherwise be as prescribed in this chapter.

Effective October 1, 1975

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## CHAPTER 388

### AN ACT to Specify which Activities on Lands Adjacent to Great Ponds, Rivers, Streams and Brooks Need Permits.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA § 2206, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 786, § 1, is amended to read: