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## CHAPTER 309

### AN ACT Relating to Instruction Posting under the Election Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 572 is amended to read:

#### § 572. Instruction posters for voters

The Secretary of State shall prepare instruction posters to guide voters in ~~obtaining and replacing spoiled ballots, correct marking of ballots, including write-in procedure,~~ and to inform them of the penalties for illegal voting.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA § 603, sub-§ 2 is amended by inserting after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

An instruction poster pursuant to section 572 shall be securely placed above the shelf for the purpose of aiding the voter.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 704, sub-§ 6, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 371, is repealed as follows:

~~Such ballot instruction sheets may also be used as instruction posters pursuant to section 572~~

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 310

### AN ACT to Clarify Vocational Education Reimbursement in Vocational Centers and Vocational Regions.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the change in the definition of subsidizable items for vocational education as enacted by PL 1975, c. 660, is causing confusion and hardship; and

Whereas, the change did not accomplish any particular benefit to local units or the State; and

Whereas, a simple definition would make the program more understandable for the people; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 1292-A is enacted to read:

§ 1292-A. Tuition payments for students in vocational education programs

Schools receiving tuition students, who are enrolled in regular school day vocational education programs, as defined in section 2356-A, subsection 3, at vocational centers, satellites or vocational regions, may charge a tuition rate not to exceed  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the legal tuition rate as computed under section 1292.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 2356-G, sub-§ 8, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 513, § 10, is repealed:

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 2356-J is enacted to read:

§ 2356-J. Tuition payments for students in vocational education programs

Schools receiving tuition students, who are enrolled in regular school day vocational education programs, as defined in section 2356-A, subsection 3, at vocational centers, satellites or vocational regions, may charge a tuition rate not to exceed  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the legal tuition rate as computed under section 1292.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 3743, sub-§ 9, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 746, § 24-B, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

9. Vocational education costs. Vocational education costs for subsidy purposes shall include all costs incurred by the vocational regions, centers or satellites, in providing approved vocational education programs as defined by section 2356-A, subsection 3.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 3748, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, sub-¶ (2), as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 746, § 24-I, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

(2) Vocational education. Reimbursement for vocational education shall be limited to 90% of the estimated costs or 90% of the actual expenditures, whichever is less.

Any vocational center shall have the authority to bill its member units for any reduction in vocational education subsidies in proportion to the number of students served on October 1st and April 1st of the year immediately prior to the year of allocation. Any vocational region shall have the same authority to bill vocational centers for any students which they may send to the region for vocational education programs.

Any vocational center may bill its member units a per pupil tuition cost for the school year 1977-78 only. The allowable per pupil tuition rate for each center shall be computed and set by the commissioner in the following manner:

(a) The difference between 90% of the actual costs for vocational

programs in the school year 1976-77 and the vocational subsidy allocation for the school year 1977-78 shall be computed; and

(b) That difference shall be divided by the number of pupils served on October 1st and April 1st of the school year 1976-77 to determine the per pupil tuition rate.

If any bill authorized under this subparagraph is not paid within 30 days after submission, the vocational center or region may appeal to the commissioner under section 1292.

Vocational regions shall be declared to be administrative units entitled to receive state aid. All subsidies earned by vocational regions, vocational centers or satellites shall be paid directly to the administrative unit which operates the vocational region, center or satellite.

Expenditures for the first 6 months and expenditure estimates for the next 6 months as submitted by vocational regions, or member units of those regions, shall be used in computing transportation reimbursements to the regions for the fiscal year 1978 and thereafter, notwithstanding any other section of this Title. The commissioner is authorized to obtain expenditures and estimates and to make the necessary adjustments in vocational education cost estimates in accordance with the definition of vocational education costs for subsidy purposes.

**Sec. 6. Application.** This Act shall not affect the distribution of school subsidies until July 1, 1978.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Effective July 1, 1977

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## CHAPTER 311

### AN ACT to Assist in the Determination of the Mental Condition of Criminal Defendants.

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

**Sec. 1.** 15 MRSA § 101, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 718, § 1, is further amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentence:

The court may order that observations, interviews and investigative reports regarding the behavior of the respondent made by law enforcement officials be made available to the designated psychiatrist or licensed psychologist for the limited purpose of this examination.