

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No person, firm or corporation shall operate a custom slaughterhouse or custom meat processing establishment unless the establishment is registered by the commissioner.

A custom slaughterhouse or custom meat processing establishment is defined as the place where custom slaughter or custom preparation of meat or meat food products is performed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

An application for registration or renewal of registration shall be made on or before September 1st of each year on a form prescribed by the commissioner. The registration shall be approved after the commissioner is satisfied that there is compliance with the regulations governing these operations. A fee of \$5 shall be paid for each registration or renewal.

Each registration shall cover a group of buildings or parts thereof, in one location, constituting the custom slaughterhouse or custom meat processing establishment owned by the registrant.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 276

H. P. 519 — L. D. 662

AN ACT Concerning Nomination Procedure for Nonparty Candidates.

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

21 MRSA § 494, sub-§ 5, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 425, § 2, is amended to read:

5. **Number of signatures required.** Nomination petitions must be signed by the following numbers of voters:

A. For a slate of candidates for the office of Presidential Elector, at least ~~2,000~~ **4,000** and not more than ~~3,000~~ **6,000** voters;

B. For a candidate for the office of Governor, at least ~~2,000~~ **4,000** and not more than ~~3,000~~ **6,000** voters;

C. For a candidate for the office of United States Senator, at least ~~2,000~~ **4,000** and not more than ~~3,000~~ **6,000** voters;

D. For a candidate for the office of United States Representative, at least ~~1,000~~ **2,000** and not more than ~~1,500~~ **3,000** voters;

E. For a candidate for county office, at least ~~150~~ 300 and not more than ~~200~~ 400 voters;

F. For a candidate for the office of State Senator, at least ~~100~~ 200 and not more than ~~150~~ 300 voters; and

G. For a candidate for the office of State Representative, at least ~~25~~ 50 and not more than ~~40~~ 80 voters.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 277

H. P. 872 — L. D. 1077

### AN ACT to Establish a Voluntary Training and Certification Program for Installers of Solar Energy Equipment in Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 5005, sub-§ 1, ¶ 0 is enacted to read:

O. In cooperation with the Plumbers' Examining Board, establish a voluntary training and certification program for installers of solar energy equipment.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA c. 85 is enacted to read:

## CHAPTER 85

### TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

#### FOR INSTALLERS OF SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT

##### § 8001. Legislative findings and intent

The Legislature finds that the training and certification of installers of solar energy equipment would be beneficial for the health and safety of the public and would enable the consumer to have confidence in the proper installation of solar energy systems in Maine. The purpose of this chapter, therefore, is to establish a voluntary training and certification program for solar equipment installers in order to assure the quality workmanship necessary to bring about increased utilization of solar energy and the public health and safety thereof.

##### § 8002. Installation training