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4. **Selection of districts for local voting.** The commissioner shall, following the receipt of requests for authorization pursuant to subsection 3, select not more than 3 School Administrative Districts from those requesting authorization. He shall then notify the boards of directors of those districts that they are authorized to cause the voting at all future district budget meetings and special district budget meetings held between July 2, 1978 and July 1, ~~1980~~ 1982, to be done within each municipality within the district.

5. **Procedure for local voting.** Following notification of authorization from the commissioner pursuant to subsection 4, the board of directors of a School Administrative District shall cause the voting at all future district budget meetings and special district budget meetings held between July 2, 1978 and July 1, ~~1980~~ 1982, to be done within each municipality within the district. The voting shall be held in accordance with the procedures set out in section 225 and the board of directors may hold any informational meetings which they feel are necessary in the manner and place which they feel appropriate prior to any voting. The board of directors shall also be responsible for the form of any articles to be voted on in the municipalities, except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 7, first sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 695, § 2, is amended to read:

The board of directors of any School Administrative District authorized to vote pursuant to subsections 4 and 5 shall, no later than December 31, ~~1981~~ 1981, submit a written report to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services containing the board's evaluation of the following items:

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 226-A, sub-§ 8 as enacted by PL 1977, c. 695, § 2, is amended to read:

8. **Effective date.** This section is repealed on ~~January 1, 1981~~ January 1, 1983.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 357

H. P. 1272 — L. D. 1476

AN ACT to Provide for Oversight of Marine Research by the Department of Marine Resources.

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

12 MRSA § 6024, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

5. **Research oversight.** The commissioner shall annually report to the council on the research of the department. The report shall include the present research plan and its implementation, any necessary revision of the plan and its necessary extension over the planning period. The council may appoint marine scientists, who are not employees of the department, to advise it in considering the research plan. After completing its review, the council shall report the plan, and any recommendations or comments, to the Legislature.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 358

H. P. 1243 — L. D. 1487

AN ACT to Regulate State Liquor Stores and Agencies.

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

Sec. 1. 28 MRSA § 101, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 630, § 2, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

All petition signatures must have been signed since the last general election.

Sec. 2. 28 MRSA § 153, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 551, § 4, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:

Any special agency store occupying premises previously occupied by a state store shall, within 72 hours of opening for business, remove all signs on the premises of that store which identify those premises as a state store.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 359

H. P. 898 — L. D. 1136

AN ACT to Improve Election Laws and to Make Equal Application of Legal Requirements for Independents, Democrats and Republicans in all Respects.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA § 135, sub-§ 2 is enacted to read: