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qualified. A commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment. Any vacancy in the office of commissioner occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled by appointment but for the unexpired term only.

**Sec. 19.** 37-A MRSA § 41, 2nd sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 405, is further amended to read:

The loan authority board shall consist of 10 members, including the Director of Veterans Services; the Treasurer of State or his designee, ex officio, as a nonvoting member; and 8 members at large appointed by the Governor for a period of 4 years, provided that of the members first appointed, 2 shall be appointed for a term of one year, 2 for a term of 2 years, 2 for a term of 3 years and 2 for a term of 4 years.

**Sec. 20.** 37-A MRSA § 41, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 405, is further amended by adding after the 2nd sentence the following new sentence to read:

**The designee of the Treasurer of State shall be the Deputy Treasurer of State.**

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## CHAPTER 534

H. P. 183 — L. D. 235

**AN ACT to Make the Attorney General's Explanations of Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Statewide Referenda more Available to the Voters.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 1 MRSA § 353, as amended by PL 1973, c. 625, § 3, is further amended to read:

**§ 353. Explanation of proposed amendments**

The Attorney General shall prepare a brief explanatory statement which shall fairly describe the intent and content of each constitutional resolution or statewide referendum that may be presented to the people and which shall include any information prepared under Title 5, section 152. In addition to the explanatory statement, he shall prepare an explanation of what a yes vote favors and a no vote opposes. He shall cause to have published this explanatory statement in each daily newspaper of the State, such statement to be published not more than 45 days and not less than 30 days prior to the voting and publish such statement in each daily newspaper of the State a 2nd time, not more than 10 and not less than 7 days prior to the voting. Such explanatory statement may be published in the English language in a foreign language newspaper.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 152 is enacted to read:

§ 152. Ratification of bond issue; signed statement

In accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, section 14, the Treasurer of State shall prepare a signed statement to accompany any question submitted to the electors for ratification of a bond issue setting forth the total amount of bonds of the State outstanding and unpaid, the total amount of bonds of the State authorized and unissued and the total amount of bonds of the State contemplated to be issued if the enactment submitted to the electors should be ratified. The Treasurer of State shall also set forth in that statement an estimate of costs involved, including explanation of, based on such factors as interest rates which may vary, the interest cost contemplated to be paid on the amount to be issued, the total cost of principal and interest that will be paid at maturity and any other substantive explanatory information relating to the debt of the State as he may deem appropriate.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA § 601, first ¶, as amended by PL 1969, c. 35, § 10, is further amended to read:

Within a reasonable time before any election, the Secretary of State shall furnish each municipality with ballots, specimen ballots, instruction posters, election return forms, **posters of specimen ballots for constitutional resolutions and statewide referenda, including the Attorney General's explanatory statements prepared under Title 1, section 353** and other materials necessary for conducting and reporting the results of the election.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA § 801, sub-§ 2, first sentence, as amended by PL 1973, c. 782, § 10, is further amended to read:

At any time after receipt thereof and prior to the opening of the polls, the clerk may open the packages or boxes of election materials, break the seals on the packages not marked "ballots," use the materials for instructional purposes, and then the clerk or his designated agents shall post an adequate number of instruction posters, **and posters of specimen ballots for constitutional resolutions and statewide referenda, including the Attorney General's explanatory statements prepared under Title 1, section 353,** and specimen ballots in the voting room outside the guardrail.

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## CHAPTER 535

H. P. 1480 — L. D. 1672

AN ACT to Regulate Cone Burner Incineration for the Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste.