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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.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 535

H. P. 1480 — L. D. 1672

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

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

Whereas, solid waste disposal remains a critical problem for many Maine communities; and

Whereas, cone burner designs have improved in recent years and may be suitable as alternative means of solid waste disposal; and

Whereas, these burners must, pursuant to federal law, be in compliance with standards; and

Whereas, Maine law does not provide authority to the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt these standards; and

Whereas, some communities in Maine may be subject to federal penalties by July 1, 1979 for failure to comply with federal air emission standards; and

Whereas, these communities need the immediate assistance of the Department of Environmental Protection to enable them to deminish expected penalties and comply with emission standards; 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:

38 MRSA § 607, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 770, § 212, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Cone burners. The Department of Environmental Protection shall have the authority to assist municipalities and set the emission standards for the use of cone burner incineration for the disposal of municipal solid waste.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 22, 1979

CHAPTER 536

H. P. 613 — L. D. 777

AN ACT to Encourage the Historic Preservation at the Statehouse and Blaine House.