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adopted pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, shall establish a method for drafting ballot questions which will attain that standard of readability.

2. Order of questions on the ballot. The Secretary of State shall arrange questions on the ballot in the following order: People's veto questions; initiated measures; bond issues; constitutional amendments; and other legislatively proposed referenda. Within each group, questions shall be arranged in a random order which is determined by a selection process conducted in public. All ballot questions shall be numbered sequentially.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §1351, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Ballot question. The ballot question for initiative and people's veto referenda shall be drafted by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 702-A and rules adopted pursuant thereto. The question shall be conspicuously displayed on the face of the petition.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 411

H.P. 1201 - L.D. 1595

AN ACT Concerning the Admissibility in Criminal Proceedings of Statements by Minors Describing Sexual Contact.

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

15 MRSA §1205 is enacted to read:

§1205. Certain out-of-court statements made by minors describing sexual contact

A hearsay statement made by a person under the age of 14 years, describing any incident involving sexual intercourse, a sexual act or sexual contact performed with or on the minor by another, shall not be excluded as evidence in criminal proceedings in courts of this State if:

1. Emotional or psychological well-being of a person. On motion of the prosecution and in camera

hearing, the court expressly finds that the emotional or psychological well-being of the person would be substantially impaired if the person were to testify at trial; and

2. Examination and cross-examination. Pursuant to an order of the court made on such finding, the statement is made under oath, the defendant has been given the same rights in regard to the examination and cross-examination of the person as if the person were testifying in open court, and the statement has been recorded stenographically or on videotape or by another means approved by the court.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 412

H.P. 1246 - L.D. 1660

AN ACT to Authorize the Supreme Judicial Court to Provide for Collective Bargaining for Judicial Department Employees.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA c. 1, sub-c. 1-E is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 1-E
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

§31. Purpose

It is declared to be the public policy of the State and it is the purpose of this subchapter to promote the continued improvement of the relationship between the Judicial Department and its employees by providing a uniform basis for recognizing the right of judicial employees to join labor organizations of their own choosing and to be represented by these organizations in matters concerning their employment relations with the Judicial Department.

§32. Procedures; advisory committee

1. Collective bargaining. The Supreme Judicial Court may propose appropriate procedures for defining and implementing the collective bargaining rights of Judicial Department employees, including, without limitation, definition of employees and appropriate