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

21-A MRSA §760, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

3. Incoming voting list to clerk. As Except as provided in paragraph A, as soon as the polls are closed, the ward clerk shall fold, wrap and seal the incoming voting list. This package shall be signed on one of the seals holding the package together by the warden and ward clerk. A ballot clerk or counter shall take the incoming voting list to the designated counting place. The clerk shall select these persons before the election so that the total number from the voting districts is as evenly divided as possible between the political parties. Upon receipt of the voting list, the clerk shall unseal the lists and use them in processing the absentee ballots. When the count is completed, the clerk shall sign each copy of the voting list.

A. In a municipality which has an island voting district, the clerk may instead obtain the information required to process the absentee ballots by telephone and notify the island ward clerk of the names of the absentee voters so that the voting list can be marked in accordance with this subchapter.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 314

S.P. 608 - L.D. 1602

AN ACT Relating to the Selection of Counters
under the Election Laws.

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

21-A MRSA §503, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

2. Number appointed. The municipal officers shall appoint 2 election clerks, who must be residents of the municipality, for each voting place in each municipality.

A. They may appoint additional election clerks, if necessary, who are nominated as provided in subsection 1.

B. They shall appoint alternate election clerks who are nominated as provided in subsection 1 and who may be called into service by the warden, as needed, to fill a vacancy on election day. ~~If the municipal committee fails to nominate a sufficient number of alternate election clerks, the municipal clerk or municipal officers shall appoint the necessary number to fill the vacancy on election day.~~

C. The municipal clerk may appoint a sufficient number of election clerks, and an equal number from each political party, who are nominated as provided in subsection 1, to serve as counters when the polls close. Counters shall be paid a reasonable compensation as determined by the municipal officers.

If the municipal committee fails to nominate a sufficient number of election clerks, the municipal clerk or municipal officers shall appoint the necessary number to fill the vacancy on election day.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 315

S.P. 609 - L.D. 1603

AN ACT to Change Voting Booth Requirements.

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

21-A MRSA §629, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

A. In a general election, the municipal officers in each municipality of 4,000 or more population must provide at least one voting booth for each 150, or fraction exceeding 1/2 of that number, of the voters qualified to vote at each voting place. In a municipality of less than 4,000 population, the municipal officers must provide at least one voting booth for each 200, or fraction