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conduct is pending in the Juvenile Court of this State; or

C. During any time when, notwithstanding that the court lacks jurisdiction for a reason stated in Title 17-A, section 10-A, subsection 1, an adult prosecution against the accused for the adult offense based on the same conduct is pending in the District Court or the Superior Court.

4. Commencement after dismissal. If a timely juvenile petition is dismissed for any error, defect, insufficiency or irregularity, a new prosecution for the same juvenile crime based on the same conduct may be commenced within 3 months after the dismissal, even though the period of limitation has expired at the time of the dismissal or will expire within the period of time.

5. Elements; commencement of prosecution. For purposes of this section:

A. A juvenile crime is committed when every element of the crime has occurred, or if the juvenile crime consists of a continuing course of conduct, at the time when the course of conduct or the defendant's complicity in the conduct is terminated; and

B. A prosecution is commenced when a juvenile petition is filed.

6. Lesser included crime; effect. The defense established by this section does not bar a conviction of a juvenile crime included in the juvenile crime charged, notwithstanding that the period of limitation has expired for the included juvenile crime, if, as to the juvenile crime charged, the period of limitation has not expired or there is no such period, and there is evidence which sustains an adjudication for the juvenile crime charged.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

3. The periods of limitations shall not run:

A. During any time when the accused is absent from the State, but in no event shall this provision extend the period of limitation otherwise applicable by more than 5 years; ~~or~~

B. During any time when a prosecution against the accused for the same crime based on the same conduct is pending in this State; or

C. During any time when a prosecution against the accused for the corresponding juvenile crime based on the same conduct is pending in the Juvenile Court. For purposes of this section, pending includes any appeal period and, if an appeal is taken, any period pending its final disposition.

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§6, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in

its place:

B. A prosecution is commenced whenever one of the following occurs:

(1) A criminal complaint is filed;

(2) An indictment is returned; or

(3) Following waiver of an indictment, an information is filed.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 223

S.P. 377 — L.D. 1142

AN ACT Amending the Service of Process Laws.

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §702 is amended to read:

§702. Duty of sheriffs and deputies; fees

Every sheriff and each of his deputies shall serve and execute, within his county, all writs and precepts issued by lawful authority to him directed and committed, including those in which a town, plantation, parish, religious society or school district, of which he is at the time a member, is a party or interested, but his legal fees for service shall first be paid or secured to him; ~~and if they are not.~~ If the fees are not paid or secured to him when the process is delivered to him, he shall ~~forthwith~~ immediately return it to the plaintiff or attorney offering it; or if sent to him by mail or otherwise, he shall put it into some post office within 24 hours, directed to the person sending it; otherwise he waives his right to his fees before service.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §1051, as amended by PL 1983, c. 74, §§1 to 3, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The county commissioners of each county may require that the fees collected under subsections 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 19 and 20 be increased by \$1. The sheriff or deputy shall collect this additional dollar and pay it to the county treasurer for the use and benefit of the county.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 224

S.P. 360 — L.D. 1095

**AN ACT Requiring Evaluation of New England
Electric Power Pool Membership.**

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

35 MRSA §13-D is enacted to read:

§13-D. New England Electric Power Pool Agreement

1. Utility review of the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement. The Public Utilities Commission shall require, by rule, that each Maine utility which is a member of the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement review that agreement at least every 3 years. The utilities may conduct that review jointly. That review shall address the following factors and concerns and any others which the commission finds relevant to participation in the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement:

- A. Capacity and reserve requirement;
- B. Energy requirements including reserve requirements;
- C. Reliability;
- D. Transmission and wheeling;
- E. Pooled purchases from outside the State;
- F. Treatment of cogeneration contracts;
- G. Allocation of interruptible credit;
- H. Whether the agreement and practices encourage efficient and economic decisions with respect to future electric supply options;
- I. Planning of generation, power purchases and transmission; and
- J. Operation and dispatch of supply.

The review shall evaluate whether participation in the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement is the best option for the particular Maine utility. It shall also investigate whether the allocation of costs and benefits and responsibility for planning decisions within the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement is reasonable.

2. Review by nonmembers. The Public Utilities Commission may require any Maine electric utility serving more than 20,000 customers, which is not a member of the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement, to conduct reviews of the possibility of joining the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement, similar to the review of subsection 1 at intervals of at least 3 years.

3. Public Utilities Commission review of the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement. The utility shall

submit to the commission a report of any review undertaken in accordance with this section together with supporting data and additional information as required for review by the commission. If the Public Utilities Commission finds, after consideration of a utility's submission under subsection 1 or 2, that further investigation by the commission is warranted, then the commission shall proceed under section 296. This shall not preclude the commission from conducting a review of a utility's participation or nonparticipation in the New England Electric Power Pool Agreement at any time on its own motion in accordance with section 296, even if the utility has filed no submission on the issue.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 225

H.P. 1205 — L.D. 1643

**AN ACT to Give Local Election Wardens
Authority Concerning Gathering
Petition Signatures.**

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

21-A MRSA §662, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Collection of signatures. The warden may select and designate a specific location at the voting place, accessible and observable by the voters, where the collection of signatures may take place. The warden may limit the number of persons collecting signatures to one for each specific question, candidate or issue. Persons collecting signatures may not solicit a voter's signature until the voter has completed voting. The warden may direct the removal, under subsection 2, paragraph A, of any person collecting signatures who does not comply with the requirements of this subsection.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 226

H.P. 1248 — L.D. 1704

**AN ACT to Establish the First Full Week of
June as Garden Week.**

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

Whereas, the 90-day period will not expire until after the first week of June; and

Whereas, the first full week of June has been proclaimed by the Governor as Garden Week every year