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or a surviving spouse for the retirement allowance.

D. Whatever adjustments are made under Title 5, sections 17806 and 18407 shall be applied to payments made under this section.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 423

H.P. 1080 — L.D. 1468

AN ACT to Allow Political Parties to Determine the Qualifications of Voters in Primary Elections.

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§32, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

32. Primary election. "Primary election" means the regular election ~~by the voters of a party~~ for the election of nominees of a party for the general election.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §111, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

5. Enrollment. He must be enrolled in a party in that municipality to vote at a caucus, convention or primary election, unless otherwise permitted by a political party pursuant to section 340.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §340 is enacted to read:

§340. Notice of parties of qualified primary voters

1. Notice to Secretary of State. No later than February 1st of the election year, each political party eligible to participate in a primary election shall notify the Secretary of State of the enrollment qualifications, subject to the restrictions in section 144, for voters eligible to vote in that party's primary. If no notice is received by that date, only voters enrolled in a political party may vote in that party's primary.

2. Notice to municipal clerks. The Secretary of State shall inform all municipal clerks of the qualifications necessary for voters to participate in each party's primary. The clerks shall establish procedures to ensure that all qualified primary voters are offered ballots for each party in which primary election the voters are qualified to vote.

Effective September 29, 1987.

CHAPTER 424

H.P. 944 — L.D. 1267

AN ACT to Continue the Agricultural Viability Program.

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA Pt. 1-A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 482, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §314, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 482, §2, is amended to read:

§314. Establishing a program for identifying regional opportunities

In response to these legislative findings, the commissioner shall establish a ~~pilot~~ program to review and identify the agricultural opportunities and constraints in ~~up to 4~~ selected regions of the State and, to the maximum extent possible, to administer the department's programs in these selected regions so as to address these opportunities and constraints. In this ~~pilot~~ program, the commissioner shall:

1. Public participation. Ensure that the agricultural community and public in general have the opportunity to participate in the assessment of regional opportunities and constraints and in any redirection of programs resulting from the assessment; ~~and~~

2. Local lead agencies. By rule establish criteria for selecting ~~up to 4~~ regions for inclusion in this ~~pilot~~ program and designating local lead agencies to coordinate public input and assist in this regional assessment, provided that preference shall be given to local soil and water conservation districts as lead agencies which meet designation criteria. Regions shall be selected so as to reflect the agricultural, geographic and demographic diversity of the State and the capacity of potential local lead agencies to participate in this ~~pilot~~ program. The commissioner shall provide, not later than August 1st each year, notice of the availability of funding and a schedule for accepting applications for selection of local lead agencies to review and assess regional agricultural opportunities in areas of the State in which the assessments have not yet been carried out.

A. The department shall provide the local lead agencies with current information about agricultural production, processing and marketing within the State, the demand for state agricultural products and the State's market position relative to its competitors.

B. Local lead agencies shall hold hearings and public meetings and shall collect and assess information on agricultural resources, problems and needs in their local areas, including at a minimum: