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shall designate one or more times during the 30-day period prior to an election during which the municipal clerk ~~shall~~ must be present in any licensed nursing home, as defined in Title 22, chapter 405; licensed boarding home, as defined in Title 22, chapter 1665; or certified congregate housing unit, as defined in Title 22, chapter 1457-A, for the purpose of absentee balloting by the residents of these homes or units. The clerk shall designate which areas in these facilities constitute the voting place, the voting booth and the guardrail enclosure. Sections 681 and 682 apply to voting in these facilities within the areas designated by the clerk.

Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 466, §32, is amended to read:

7. Processing before close of polls. ~~If a notice is given following the procedure in section 621 signed by the municipal officers must be posted at least 7 days before election day in the same manner as posting the warrant under section 621, stating that the clerk intends to begin process processing absentee ballots after 2:00 p.m. on election day, the . The warden may review the notes of the clerk on each return envelope and deposit the absentee ballots into the ballot box before the close of the polls. The clerk shall notify the chairs of each political party of the municipality, in writing, that this procedure is to occur. If the clerk is unable to notify the chair of the municipal political party, the clerk shall notify the chair of the county or state political party.~~

Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §901, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

4. Ballot question. The ballot question for initiative and people's veto referenda ~~shall~~ must be drafted by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 906 and rules adopted ~~under it in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.~~ The question must be conspicuously displayed on the face of the petition.

Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §1322, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

6. Election. When the final report is filed, the county commissioners shall order the proposed new charter or charter revision to be submitted to the voters of the county at the next regular or special statewide election held at least ~~30~~ 60 days after the final report is filed.

Sec. 10. Costs not funded. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5684, any requirements of this Act that result in additional costs to local or county government are not state mandates subject to that section and the State is not required to fund those costs.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 863

H.P. 892 - L.D. 1289

An Act to Promote Comprehensive and Consistent Statewide Environmental Policy and Regulation

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8869, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 555, §10, is amended to read:

8. Relationship to municipal rules and regulations. Nothing in this subchapter may be construed to preempt or otherwise limit the existing authority of municipalities to regulate harvesting, except that municipalities regulating timber harvesting shall adopt definitions for forestry terms used in their ordinances that are consistent with forestry terms adopted by the commissioner pursuant to this subchapter. ~~Municipalities considering the adoption of ordinances regulating timber harvesting shall develop ordinances in consultation with the department. A municipality may not adopt an ordinance that regulates timber harvesting unless the ordinance is developed in consultation with the department and is reviewed by a professional forester prior to adoption.~~

Sec. 2. Costs not funded. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5684, any requirements of this Act that result in additional costs to local or county government are not state mandates subject to that section and the State is not required to fund those costs.

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CHAPTER 864

S.P. 682 - L.D. 1810

An Act to Provide for Dissolution of a Union School or Withdrawal from a Union School

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §§2103 and 2104 are enacted to read:

§2103. Dissolution of union school

1. Ten percent petition. On receipt of a petition to dissolve a union school and establish a maximum figure for the cost of preparing a dissolution agreement signed by 10% of the number of voters in a municipality who voted at the last gubernatorial election, the municipal officers shall call and hold a special election in the