

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 466, §32, is amended to read:

8. Inspection after polls close. If a candidate or that candidate's representative notifies the warden before 8:00 p.m. that the candidate wishes to inspect absentee ballot applications and envelopes after the polls close, the warden shall allow the candidate to inspect the applications and envelopes of ballots that have not yet been deposited into the ballot box for 30 minutes after the polls close.

Sec. 3. Study by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices; jurisdiction. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall review its current duties prescribed by law and shall identify issues that the commission has been asked to investigate and has not clearly had the authority to investigate. The commission shall make recommendations, along with any proposed legislation, to clarify and, if necessary, to expand the commission's jurisdiction and duties to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal affairs no later than January 30, 1995.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 584

H.P. 1106 - L.D. 1493

An Act to Enable the Creation of the Volunteer Social Workers Project

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7031 is enacted to read:

§7031. Volunteer Social Workers Project

The board shall contract with a statewide agency or entity that represents social workers to establish and administer the Volunteer Social Workers Project. The project, pursuant to the contract and in accordance with procedures and protocols developed by the project and approved by the board, shall match persons referred by social service agencies and providers with social workers who have agreed to provide their services on a pro bono basis. In addition, the project shall develop opportunities for social workers to participate on a pro bono basis in community organization activities. The funding of the project is the responsibility of the board and must be derived from the board's revenues. The project may also accept gifts, grants or other income from outside sources to supplement this funding.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1994-95

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

State Board of Social Worker Licensure

All Other \$57,000

Provides for an allocation of funds to enable the State Board of Social Worker Licensure to contract with a private entity to establish the Volunteer Social Workers Project.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 585

H.P. 1386 - L.D. 1885

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Sardine Council

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

Whereas, the packing of sardines is one of the most important industries of the State; and

Whereas, the Maine Sardine Council can more efficiently and effectively perform its duties as a public instrumentality of the State than as a state agency; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §927, sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 376, §10, is further amended to read: