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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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

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Sec. 5. Extension for notification of Secretary of State. Resolved: That the deadline for the Reform Party for notifying the Secretary of State of the enrollment qualifications for voters eligible to vote in the Reform Party's primary, required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 340, subsection 1, is extended to April 27, 1996; and be it further

Sec. 6. Extension for candidate enrollment. Resolved: That the deadline for the enrollment of a candidate for the Reform Party in the party named in the primary petition for which the candidate seeks nomination by primary election, required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 334, is extended to April 27, 1996; and be it further

Sec. 7. Enrollment in party. Resolved: That a voter who filed an application to change enrollment to the Reform Party prior to January 1, 1996, and who subsequently did not withdraw that enrollment or enroll in another party is deemed to have fulfilled the requirement of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 144, subsection 3, for purposes of filing a petition as a candidate in this election year.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective April 5, 1996.

CHAPTER 75

H.P. 1210 - L.D. 1660

Resolve, to Review the Role of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in Approving School Construction Projects for School Administrative Units

Sec. 1. Study group established. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education shall convene a study group to review and consider improvements to the current role of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services in approving school construction projects. The following entities shall each appoint one representative to serve on the study group: the Department of Education; the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services; the Maine School Management Association; a statewide professional engineering association selected by the commissioner; and a statewide professional architectural association selected by the commissioner. Other members may be appointed at

the discretion of the commissioner. The study group shall present its report, together with any recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by December 15, 1996. Members of the study group must participate at their own expense.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 76

H.P. 1257 - L.D. 1729

Resolve, to Require the Study of the Medical Liability Prelitigation Screening Panels

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

Whereas, analysis of existing data on the use of mandatory prelitigation screening and mediation panels is necessary in order for the Legislature to make informed decisions regarding the panel process; and

Whereas, compilation of that data must begin promptly so that a qualified researcher can analyze the data and make recommendations on future data collection to the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature; 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

Sec. 1. Data assembly. Resolved: That the Bureau of Insurance shall collect and compile data related to the number and disposition of malpractice claims over the past 5 calendar years from the records of the Bureau of Insurance and, if necessary, the records of medical malpractice insurers. The Bureau of Insurance, referred to in this resolve as "the bureau," shall request that the Chief Justice of the Superior Court assist in providing data or access to data concerning the use of mandatory prelitigation and mediation screening panels and the final disposition of cases over the same period. The bureau is authorized to collect this data notwithstanding any applicable confidentiality provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24, sections 2853 and 2857. The bureau shall compile this data into a summary report; and be it further