

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1999**

**CHAPTER 47****H.P. 86 - L.D. 99****An Act to Require Auctions for  
Confiscated Firearms****Be it enacted by the People of the State of  
Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §3503-A**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 254, §2, is amended to read:**§3503-A. Disposal of firearms and ammunition**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a police department or other law enforcement agency retaining firearms and ammunition covered by this chapter, Title 15, section 3314 or chapter 517, or Title 17-A, section 1158 may auction the firearms to ~~federally licensed firearms~~ federally licensed firearms dealers or the public, use the firearms and ammunition for training purposes or destroy the firearms and ammunition.

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**CHAPTER 48****H.P. 770 - L.D. 1093****An Act to Provide Farm  
Cooperatives More Flexibility in  
Establishing Officers and Using  
Titles for Various Officers****Be it enacted by the People of the State of  
Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 13 MRSA §1873** is amended to read:**§1873. Officers**

The board shall elect ~~a president, a secretary and a treasurer, and may elect one or more vice presidents, and such other one or more~~ officers as may be authorized in the bylaws. ~~The president and at least one of the vice presidents must be members and directors, but a vice president who is not a director cannot succeed to or fill the office of president. Any 2 of the offices of vice president, secretary and treasurer may be combined in one person. The bylaws of each cooperative must provide for one or more officers, including the qualifications for and the titles of those officers.~~

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**CHAPTER 49****H.P. 416 - L.D. 558****An Act to Clarify the Membership of  
the Somerset County Budget  
Committee****Be it enacted by the People of the State of  
Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §896, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 582, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Municipal representatives.** Prior to September 15th each year, municipal officers within each commissioner district shall caucus and elect members from that district for terms as provided in paragraph A. There must be 3 members from each commissioner district, 2 of whom are municipal officers and one of whom is a municipal official who is not a municipal officer as defined in section 2001. No more than one member may represent the same municipality at one time.

A. Members serve for 3-year terms, except that initially each district caucus selects one member for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term. If a budget committee member ceases to be a municipal officer or official during the term of membership, that member shall resign the membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer or official to fill the membership for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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**CHAPTER 50****H.P. 438 - L.D. 601****An Act to Clarify the Duty of  
Insurance Agencies to Keep Records****Be it enacted by the People of the State of  
Maine as follows:****Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §1447, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 457, §23 and affected by §55, is amended to read:

**1. Records.** The insurance producer or agency shall keep or make accessible at the producer's or agency's place of business a copy of the written appointment or designation from each insurer, health maintenance organization, fraternal benefit society or nonprofit hospital or medical service organization with which the insurance producer or agency has an