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§192. Centralized Voter Registration Advisory Committee

1. Membership. The Centralized Voter Registration Advisory Committee is established to advise the Secretary of State with respect to planning for the centralized voter registration system. The advisory committee consists of 12 members appointed as follows:

A. Two municipal election officials, one appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

B. One representative from the League of Women Voters of Maine, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

C. Two members of the public, one from each of the 2 political parties with the largest number of members in the Legislature, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

D. Two members of the public, one from each of the 2 political parties with the largest number of members in the Legislature, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

E. Two representatives of political parties, one from each of the 2 political parties with the largest number of members in the Legislature; one appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

F. The Director of the Bureau of Information Services within the Department of Administration and Financial Services or the director's designee; and

G. Two state election officials, appointed by the Secretary of State.

The appointing authorities shall make their appointments as soon as feasible following the effective date of this section.

2. Meetings. The Secretary of State shall call the meetings of the Centralized Voter Registration Advisory Committee whenever the Secretary of State determines necessary.

3. Compensation. Members of the advisory committee not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities whom they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses for their attendance at meetings of the advisory committee.

§193. Funding

The Secretary of State may apply for and accept federal or other funds for the purpose of developing and implementing a centralized voter registration system. If matching funds are required to obtain a grant, the Secretary of State may submit legislation to request necessary funds. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 1587, the Secretary of State may also enter into a lease-purchase agreement or other similar agreement for the purpose of developing the system.

§194. Rules

The Secretary of State may adopt rules regarding implementation and administration of a centralized voter registration system to determine the pricing, accessibility and availability of information contained in the database and the appropriate use and resale of that information; to establish a plan to implement the system in stages for all municipal jurisdictions; to identify additional system features or voter information to be included in the system or provide for the confidentiality of certain personal information or limitations on the use and distribution of that information; and to establish a system to identify duplicate records, including establishment of a voter identification indicator.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

§195. Report

The Secretary of State shall report annually, by March 1st, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over voter registration matters on the progress of the implementation of the centralized voter registration system developed pursuant to this subchapter. The report may include suggested legislation necessary to implement or administer the centralized voter registration system. The committee may report out legislation regarding the centralized voter registration system to the Legislature during the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature and any subsequent Legislature.

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CHAPTER 638

H.P. 1712 - L.D. 2204

An Act to Implement Municipal Recommendations Regarding Surface Water Use on Great Ponds

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§20, ¶R, as amended by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. O, §1, is further amended to read:

R. Operates a watercraft equipped with a motor greater than 5 horsepower on Moose Pond in the Town of Otisfield; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§20, ¶S, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. O, §2, is amended to read:

S. Operates a watercraft at greater than headway speed on any area of Pickerel Pond in the Town of Wayne;

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§20, ¶¶T and U are enacted to read:

T. Operates a motorboat having more than 10 horsepower on Middle Branch Pond in the Town of Waterboro in York County; or

U. Operates a motorboat having more than 10 horsepower on Adams Pond, Foster Pond or Otter Pond in the Town of Bridgton in Cumberland County.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§35, ¶¶BB and CC, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 471, Pt. D, §12, are amended to read:

BB. Kennebago Lake and Kennebago River in Davis Township and Stetsontown Township in Franklin County; ~~or~~

CC. Nicatous Lake in the Townships of T40 MD, T41 MD and T3 ND in Hancock County;

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §7801, sub-§35, ¶¶DD, EE and FF are enacted to read:

DD. Crystal Lake in the Town of Washington in Knox County;

EE. Middle Branch Pond in the Town of Waterboro in York County; or

FF. Highland Lake or Woods Pond in the Town of Bridgton in Cumberland County if the personal watercraft is rented and does not display a decal identifying the rental agency that owns the personal watercraft.

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CHAPTER 639

H.P. 1709 - L.D. 2203

An Act to Increase the Cap on Funds Available through the Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1026-M, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 722, Pt. C, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:

3. Disbursements from fund. If an application is approved, the authority shall determine the amount to be disbursed to the corporation, taking into account:

A. The size of the region served by the corporation and the expected demand for loan funds in that region;

B. The demand for funds from other eligible corporations in relation to the total amount available in the fund; and

C. Whether an eligible corporation will serve a geographic area or segment of potential business borrowers not served by other applicants.

A corporation may not receive more than ~~\$1,250,000~~ \$2,500,000 from the fund. Funds must be disbursed directly to and retained by the eligible corporation in accordance with the contract between the corporation and the authority. Funds must be disbursed to the corporation in the form of a loan or a grant. The authority may, in its discretion, disburse fund amounts in one lump sum or periodic disbursements.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1026-M, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. OOO, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Administrative costs. A corporation may not use any money disbursed from the fund by the authority for administrative expenses, but may charge a commitment fee of up to ~~4%~~ 2% and may use interest earnings not to exceed ~~5%~~ 7% of each loan annually on loans to cover reasonable administrative, technical assistance and education costs. The authority shall review and approve a corporation's administrative expenses on an annual basis. The authority may establish by rule reasonable administrative fees for its administration of the fund.

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