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day before the election and more than 48 hours before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election, within 48 hours of that expenditure or by noon of the first business day after the expenditure, whichever is later.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1020-A, sub-§5-A, ¶¶B, C and D, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 714, Pt. PP, §1 and affected by §2, are amended to read:

B. Five thousand dollars for state party committee reports required under section 1017-A, subsection ~~4~~ 4-A, paragraphs ~~A and B~~, C and E and section 1018, subsection 2;

C. One thousand dollars for reports required under section 1017, subsection 2, paragraphs A and F; section 1017, subsection 3-A, paragraphs A and E; and state party committee reports required to be filed under section 1017-A, subsection ~~4~~ 4-A, paragraph B;

D. Five hundred dollars for municipal, district and county committees for reports required under section 1017-A, subsection ~~4~~, paragraphs ~~A, B and C~~ 4-A and section 1018, subsection 2; or

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CHAPTER 303

S.P. 297 - L.D. 901

An Act To Update the Abandoned Property Laws

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6013, as amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. T, §9, is further amended to read:

§6013. Property unclaimed by tenant

Any property with a total value of ~~\$500~~ \$750 or more that is abandoned or unclaimed by a tenant following the tenant's vacating the rental unit must be disposed of according to Title 33, chapter 41.

The landlord shall place in storage in a safe, dry, secured location any property with a total value of less than ~~\$500~~ \$750 that is abandoned or unclaimed by a tenant following the tenant's vacating the rental unit. The landlord shall send written notice by first class mail with proof of mailing to the last known address of the tenant concerning the landlord's intent to dispose of the unclaimed property. The notice must include an itemized list of the items and containers of items of property unclaimed. If the tenant claims the property within 14 days after the notice is sent, the

landlord shall continue to store the property for at least 10 days after the tenant's response to allow the tenant time to take possession of the property. The landlord may condition the release of the property to the tenant upon the tenant's payment of all rental arrearages, damages and costs of storage. If the property remains unclaimed after the 14th day after notice has been sent or after the 10th day after the tenant claims the property, the landlord may sell the property for a reasonable fair market price and apply all proceeds to rental arrearages, damages and costs of storage and sale. All remaining balances must then be forwarded to the Treasurer of State.

Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §1954, sub-§2, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 294, §1, are amended to read:

A. Tangible property presumed to be abandoned under this subsection that has a fair market value of ~~\$500~~ \$750 or more must be reported to the administrator as required by this Act. If the administrator refuses delivery of the property and authorizes a holder to sell that property, the landlord shall sell the property in a commercially reasonable manner in accordance with any requirements imposed by the administrator.

(1) After the sale of the property, the landlord may apply any proceeds from the sale to unpaid rent, damages to the premises and the expenses of storage, notice and sale. Any balance and the records of the sale must be reported and delivered to the administrator in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) The record of the sale must include the name of the owner prior to the sale, a description of the property, the proceeds of the sale, any deductions authorized under subparagraph (1) and the balance remaining.

B. Tangible property that has a fair market value of less than ~~\$500~~ \$750 that is left by a tenant may be disposed of by the landlord in accordance with Title 14, section 6013.

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CHAPTER 304

S.P. 348 - L.D. 1004

An Act To Clarify the Status of Regulated Water Utility Plumbing Permits