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appropriate for consideration, it shall return the matter to the compensation panel and order that the compensation panel reconsider the claim in light of the new information.

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

Effective May 30, 2003.

CHAPTER 353

H.P. 775 - L.D. 1057

An Act To Allow a Worker at a Beano Game To Play the Cards of a Player Who Takes a Restroom Break

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §329 is enacted to read:

§329. Assistance for player

A person conducting or assisting in the conduct of beano may assist a player by playing that player's cards while the player takes a restroom break. This section does not apply to the conduct of high-stakes beano.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 354

S.P. 181 - L.D. 541

An Act To Ensure Timely Responses to Requests for School Administrative District Reapportionments

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to

take advantage of its provisions, which require the Commissioner of Education to make more timely determinations regarding the reapportionment of school administrative districts; 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. 20-A MRSA §1255, sub-§§1 and 3, as amended by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §54, are further amended to read:

1. Duties of commissioner. The commissioner shall determine if a district is apportioned in accordance with the principles of one ~~man~~ person, one vote, if:

A. ~~He~~ The commissioner receives a request by the board of directors;

B. ~~He~~ The commissioner receives a petition signed by district voters equal to at least 10% of the voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election in the district; or

C. ~~He~~ The commissioner determines a district is not apportioned according to the principles of one ~~man~~ person, one vote.

The commissioner shall make a determination under paragraph A or B within 30 days of receiving the request or the petition.

3. Findings and order. If the commissioner finds the district's representation is not apportioned in accordance with the principle of one ~~man~~ person, one vote, ~~he~~ the commissioner shall, within 7 days of that decision, notify the superintendent of the finding and shall order the superintendent to notify the municipal officers in each municipality in the district and the school board to create a reapportionment committee. The superintendent's notification shall must include the commissioner's notification, the information provided pursuant to subsection 6 and the time and place for the first meeting of the committee, which ~~shall~~ must be held not later than 20 days after the notification.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1255, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

6. Duties of commissioner. The commissioner shall provide the ~~committee~~ superintendent with the