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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Penmor Lithographers
Lewiston, Maine
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that certifies its suppliers comply with the state purchasing code of conduct.

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

Effective April 25, 2003.

CHAPTER 7

S.P. 539 - L.D. 1581

Resolve, Authorizing Municipalities To Consolidate Voting Districts for Special Elections on Bond Issues Held in 2003

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

Whereas, it is possible that a special election for bond issues may be called before the expiration of that 90-day period; and

Whereas, voter turnout is often low for a special election; and

Whereas, it is costly for municipalities to staff all voting places during an election; 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. Municipalities authorized to consolidate voting districts. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 631, a municipality may consolidate voting districts for the purpose of holding a special election on bond issues in 2003. A municipality that chooses to consolidate voting districts shall hold a public hearing on the planned consolidation. Plans to consolidate districts must be submitted to the Secretary of State at least 35 days prior to the special election.

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

Effective April 30, 2003.

CHAPTER 8

H.P. 603 - L.D. 826

Resolve, To Allow Certain State Employees To Be Voting Board Members of Project SHARE

Sec. 1. Certain executive employees allowed to serve on board of directors of non-profit corporation Project SHARE. Resolved: That an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Conservation, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may serve, on behalf of the State, as a member of the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation incorporated in Maine on September 27, 1994 as "Project SHARE," as long as the employee is elected to serve on the board pursuant to the bylaws of the corporation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 9

S.P. 75 - L.D. 152

Resolve, Regarding State Designation of Memorials Honoring the Underground Railroad

Sec. 1. Recognizing Underground Railroad Memorial in Chamberlain Freedom Park, Brewer as official state memorial in honor of Underground Railroad. Resolved: That the memorial known as the Underground Railroad Memorial located in Chamberlain Freedom Park in Brewer be designated the official state memorial to honor the Underground Railroad. Notwithstanding that designation, the Legislature may from time to time designate other monuments, structures or properties in other locations throughout the State as state memorials in honor of the Underground Railroad.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 10

H.P. 458 - L.D. 628

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop Guidelines for Outdoor Playground Surfaces

Sec. 1. Policy guidelines for outdoor playground surfaces. Resolved: That the