

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2009**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1101, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 471, Pt. D, §3, is further amended to read:

**1. Offensive name.** "Offensive name" means a name of a place that includes:

A. The designation "nigger" or "squaw" or any derivation of "squaw" as a separate word or as part of a word or phrase; or

B. The designation "squa" or any derivation of "squa" as a separate word or as a separate syllable in a word.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 285**

**S.P. 223 - L.D. 608**

**An Act To Protect Electricity Consumers in Northern Maine**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

**14. Customer cost impact.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commission may not issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity that has the effect of eliminating the independent system administrator for northern Maine or eliminating or materially modifying the scope of responsibilities of the independent system administrator for northern Maine unless the certificate is subject to a requirement for the full compensation for the net adverse effects on ratepayers as determined by the commission. The determination of the net adverse effects must include, but is not limited to, known and measurable transmission cost effects. Compensation required by this section must be provided to affected ratepayers through a rebate, reduction in rates or other appropriate compensation mechanism benefiting affected ratepayers in the area of the State in which the retail electricity market is administered by the independent system administrator for northern Maine. Compensation required by this section must be calculated for and provided to affected ratepayers over a period of not more than 10 years.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 286**

**S.P. 445 - L.D. 1197**

**An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1015, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 301, §3, is further amended to read:

B. The Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer or the staff or agent of the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer may not intentionally solicit or accept a contribution from a lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer during any period of time in which the Legislature is convened before final adjournment, except for a qualifying contribution as defined under Title 21-A, section 1122, subsection 7. A lobbyist, lobbyist associate or employer may not intentionally give, offer or promise a contribution, other than a qualifying contribution, to the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer or the staff or agent of the Governor, a member of the Legislature or any constitutional officer during any time in which the Legislature is convened before final adjournment. These prohibitions apply to ~~direct and indirect solicitation, acceptance, giving, offering and promising, whether through a political action committee, political committee, political party or otherwise~~ contributions directly and indirectly solicited or accepted by, or given, offered and promised to a political action committee, ballot question committee or party committee of which the Governor, a member of the Legislature, a constitutional officer or the staff or agent of these officials is a treasurer, officer or primary fund-raiser or decision maker.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §10, is further amended to read:

**1. Individuals.** An individual may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than ~~\$500~~ \$750 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate or more than ~~\$250~~ \$350 in any election for any other candidate. This limitation does not apply to contributions in support of a candidate by that candidate or that candidate's spouse or domestic partner. Beginning December 1, 2010, contribution limits in accordance with this subsection are adjusted every 2 years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25. The commission shall post the current contribution limit