

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2011**

to support competitive capital infrastructure grants to nonprofit marine research laboratories, institutions and state governmental and quasi-governmental agencies, is further extended for a one-year period.

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

Effective June 13, 2011.

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**CHAPTER 74**

**S.P. 318 - L.D. 1085**

**Resolve, Regarding  
Prequalification Standards for  
Contractors**

**Sec. 1. Single prequalification process. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services and the Department of Transportation shall jointly adopt one annual prequalification process to be used by contractors that wish to prequalify for projects administered by either agency. The agencies shall include contractors and other interested parties in developing the single prequalification process. The prequalification process developed pursuant to this section must be used by contractors for projects administered by either agency on or after January 1, 2012. The Bureau of General Services and the Department of Transportation shall jointly report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on the prequalification process developed pursuant to this section by January 15, 2012. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may report out a bill relating to the prequalification process to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 75**

**H.P. 736 - L.D. 1000**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Secretary of State To Examine  
Centralization of the Petition  
Signature Verification Process**

**Sec. 1. Secretary of State to examine centralizing the process for verifying petition signatures. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall examine the potential for centralizing the process for verifying signatures on candidate petitions, citizens' initiatives and people's veto referendum petitions within the office of the Secretary of State using the central voter registration system. The Secretary of State shall consult with municipal clerks and others to

determine the benefits of centralization and to identify any legal or logistical barriers to proceeding with centralization of the process. The Secretary of State shall submit a report on the findings of the examination under this section no later than February 1, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 76**

**H.P. 761 - L.D. 1027**

**Resolve, To Coordinate  
Stakeholders To Review Best  
Practices in the Management of  
Strangulation and Determine  
Methods To Address the Issue  
in Maine**

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

**Whereas,** there is a national increased awareness of the severity of strangulation, including its high prevalence in domestic and sexual assaults, its serious impacts, including life-threatening levels of anoxic brain damage, and its use as a tool of intimidation; and

**Whereas,** public and professional awareness of the prevalence and impact of strangulation in Maine may lag behind research data; and

**Whereas,** stakeholders should promptly review best practices models and tailor them to fit Maine's needs; 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. Review of best practices in management of strangulation. Resolved:** That the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse, created in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 4013 and referred to in this resolve as "the commission," shall study strangulation to determine the presence and patterns of strangulation in domestic and sexual violence in the State and the current management of strangulation within criminal law. The commission shall review model practices and research in other states, including the impacts of other states' legislation, public awareness activities and changes in policy. The commission shall invite interested parties, including but not limited to representatives from state and local law enforcement, prosecutors, the judicial