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least 30 days before election day, the clerk shall provide a copy of the notice of election to the Secretary of State and the chairs of each political party of the municipality indicating that early processing of absentee ballots will occur. The notice to the political parties must be considered sufficient as long as it is mailed to the last address of each municipal chair that is known to the clerk. The notice to the Secretary of State may be delivered by mail or facsimile or as a scanned attachment to an e-mail address established by the Secretary of State. If the notice is not received by the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day before election day, the municipality may not process absentee ballots prior to election day.

Sec. 24. 21-A MRSA §780, as amended by PL 2009, c. 563, §5, is further amended to read:

§780. Absentee ballots; application

A uniformed service voter or an overseas voter may request an absentee ballot as provided in section 753-A or by submitting a federal application or form requesting an absentee ballot as provided in section 783. With respect to any election for federal office, a clerk or the Secretary of State may not refuse to accept or process any otherwise valid voter registration application or absentee ballot application submitted by a uniformed service voter or an overseas voter on the grounds that the voter submitted the application more than 3 months before the election for which the application will be used. An application or request for an absentee ballot for a uniformed service voter or overseas voter that is accepted pursuant to section 753-A or section 783 remains valid for 2 years 18 months from the date of receipt of the application and entitles the voter to receive absentee ballots for all federal and state elections during that period.

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CHAPTER 132

H.P. 214 - L.D. 305

**An Act To Eliminate Institute
Councils for Mental Health
Institutions**

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1207, sub-§1, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 415, Pt. A, §20, is amended to read:

B. Information may be disclosed if necessary to carry out the statutory functions of the department; the hospitalization provisions of chapter 3, subchapter 4; the provisions of section 1931; the purposes of sections 3607-A and section 3608; the purposes of Title 5, section 19506; the purposes of

United States Public Law 99-319, dealing with the investigatory function of the independent agency designated with advocacy and investigatory functions under United States Public Law 88-164, Title I, Part C or United States Public Law 99-319; or the investigation and hearing pursuant to Title 15, section 393, subsection 4-A;

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §3604, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2007, c. 286, §5, is further amended to read:

5. Exclusion. Beginning October 1, 1996, an entity that applies for the award or renewal of a grant or contract for the provision of mental health services must be a participating member of ~~the institute council~~ or the community service network, as established in section 3608, for the region of the State subject to that grant or contract.

Sec. 3. 34-B MRSA §3607-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 286, §7, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 34-B MRSA §15002, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2007, c. 286, §11, is further amended to read:

E. Planning for the delivery of care takes into account the advice of the ~~institute councils established under section 3607-A~~ and the community service networks established under section 3608.

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CHAPTER 133

S.P. 250 - L.D. 701

**An Act To Amend the Laws
Governing Probation and
Remove References to the
Intensive Supervision Program
of the Department of
Corrections**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §651, sub-§16, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 214, §2 and affected by §6, is amended to read:

16. Probation violation warrant. "Probation violation warrant" means a bench warrant issued by a judicial officer in response to a motion to revoke the probation, ~~intensive supervision~~ or supervised release of an individual, requested by a probation officer or prosecutor.

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §652, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 214, §2 and affected by §6, is amended to read: