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made in the same manner as other civil actions, except that if at least 3 good faith efforts on 3 different days have been made to serve the defendant, service may be accomplished by both mailing the summons and complaint by first-class mail to the defendant's last known address and leaving the summons and complaint at the defendant's last and usual place of abode. If service has been made by mailing and posting the summons and complaint, the plaintiff shall file with the court an affidavit demonstrating that compliance with the requirement of service has occurred. When the plaintiff lives out of the State and a recognizance is required of the plaintiff, any person may recognize in the plaintiff's behalf and is personally liable. This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2016.

Beginning September 1, 2016, the process of forcible entry and detainer must be commenced and service made in the same manner as other civil actions. When the plaintiff lives out of the State and a recognizance is required of the plaintiff, any person may recognize in the plaintiff's behalf and is personally liable.

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**CHAPTER 136
H.P. 419 - L.D. 600**

**An Act To Include Archery
Hunting Licenses among the
Complimentary Licenses
Issued to a Member of a
Federally Recognized Indian
Tribe, Nation or Band**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2011, c. 327, §1, is further amended to read:

8. Members of federally recognized nation, band or tribe. The commissioner shall issue a hunting, trapping and fishing license, including an archery hunting license under this chapter, and including permits, stamps and other permission needed to hunt, trap and fish, to a person, 10 years of age or older, who is an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs that is valid for the life of that person without any charge or fee pursuant to section 11109, if the person presents certification from the respective reservation governor or the Aroostook Micmac Council stating that the person described is an enrolled member of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this subsection. Holders of these licenses are subject to this Part, including, but not limited to, a lottery or drawing system for issuing a particular license or permit. Members of

a federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this subsection are exempt from the trapper evaluation program required for a license under section 12201 and the archery hunter education course under section 11106.

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**CHAPTER 137
H.P. 122 - L.D. 147**

An Act Regarding Adoption

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

Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §9-308, sub-§(a), as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. C, §7 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

(a). The court shall grant a final decree of adoption if the petitioner who filed the petition has been heard or has waived hearing and the court is satisfied from the hearing or record that:

- (1). All necessary consents, relinquishments or terminations of parental rights have been duly executed and filed with the court;
- (2). An adoption study, when required by section 9-304, has been filed with the court;
- (3). A list of all disbursements as required by section 9-306 has been filed with the court;
- (4). The petitioner is a suitable adopting parent and desires to establish a parent and child relationship with the adoptee;
- (5). The best interests of the adoptee are served by the adoption; and
- (6). All other requirements of this article have been met.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 138
S.P. 62 - L.D. 173**

**An Act To Remove the
Rangeley Plantation Sanctuary
from the List of Wildlife
Sanctuaries**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12706, sub-§1, ¶Z, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.