

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 6, 2016 to April 29, 2016**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JULY 29, 2016**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2016**

diately proceed to process the ballots after the one-hour inspection time has elapsed.

**4. Processing and other procedures.** The clerk shall use the procedure described in this section when processing the absentee ballots during the designated times. Procedures for handling full ballot boxes, poll-watching and challenging ballots are conducted in the same manner as election day or as close as practicable.

**5. Counting and results prohibited before the polls close.** The absentee ballots may not be counted, voter intent may not be determined and election results may not be obtained or released until after the polls have closed on election day, and all election day ballots have been cast and all absentee ballots have been processed. A municipality that uses a high-speed ballot tabulator and receives results at the completion of the ballot scanning may not view the results until after the polls close on election day.

**6. Security of processed ballots and tabulating equipment.** At the conclusion of absentee ballot processing on ~~the any day immediately~~ prior to election day, the clerk shall ensure that the early processed absentee ballots are locked and sealed in the ballot box, automatic tabulating equipment ballot box or tamper-proof containers provided by the Secretary of State and secured in a vault or other locked secure location, until the voting resumes on election day or until the ballots are counted after the polls close. The Secretary of State shall publish uniform guidelines for securing ballots and other materials under this subsection.

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

Effective March 24, 2016.

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**CHAPTER 407  
S.P. 215 - L.D. 622**

**An Act To Require Training of  
Mandated Reporters under the  
Child Abuse Laws**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Training requirement.** A person required to make a report under subsection 1 shall complete at least once every 4 years mandated reporter training approved by the department.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 408  
H.P. 1033 - L.D. 1510**

**An Act To Improve the  
Disclosure of Financial  
Activities by Political Action  
Committees and Ballot  
Question Committees**

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§5, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 389, §32, is further amended to read:

A. Includes:

(1) Any separate or segregated fund established by any corporation, membership organization, cooperative or labor or other organization whose purpose is to initiate or influence a campaign;

(4) Any ~~organization person~~, including any corporation or association, other than an individual, that has as its major purpose initiating or influencing a campaign and that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating more than \$1,500 in a calendar year for that purpose; and

(5) Any ~~organization person~~, other than an individual, that does not have as its major purpose influencing candidate elections but that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating more than \$5,000 in a calendar year for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any candidate to political office; and

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1052-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 588, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:

A. A political action committee as defined under section 1052, subsection 5, paragraph A, subparagraph (1) or (4) that receives contributions or makes expenditures in the aggregate in excess of \$1,500 and a political action committee as defined under section 1052, subsection 5, paragraph A, subparagraph (5) that receives contributions or makes expenditures in the aggregate in excess of \$5,000 for the purpose of influencing the nomination or election of any candidate to political office shall register with the commission within 7 days of exceeding the applicable amount.

**Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1056-B,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 389, §§38 to 42 and affected by §62, is further amended to read: