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C. Costs related to economic development, environmental improvements, fisheries and wildlife or marine resources projects, recreational trails or employment training within the municipality or plantation, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Costs of funding economic development programs or events developed by the municipality or plantation or funding the marketing of the municipality or plantation as a business or arts location;
- (2) Costs of funding environmental improvement projects developed by the municipality or plantation for commercial or arts district use or related to such activities;
- (3) Funding to establish permanent economic development revolving loan funds, investment funds and grants;
- (4) Costs of services and equipment to provide skills development and training, including scholarships to in-state educational institutions or to online learning entities when in-state options are not available, for jobs created or retained in the municipality or plantation. These costs must be designated as training funds in the development program;
- (5) Quality child care costs, including finance costs and construction, staffing, training, certification and accreditation costs related to child care;
- (6) Costs associated with new or existing recreational trails determined by the department to have significant potential to promote economic development, including, but not limited to, costs for multiple projects and project phases that may include planning, design, construction, maintenance, grooming and improvements with respect to new or existing recreational trails, which may include bridges that are part of the trail corridor, used all or in part for all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing or other related multiple uses;
- (7) Costs associated with a new or expanded transit service, limited to:
 - (a) Transit service capital costs, including but not limited to: transit vehicles such as buses, ferries, vans, rail conveyances and related equipment; bus shelters and other transit-related structures; and benches, signs and other transit-related infrastructure; and
 - (b) In the case of transit-oriented development districts, ongoing costs of adding to an existing transit system or creating a new transit service and limited strictly to

transit operator salaries, transit vehicle fuel and transit vehicle parts replacements; ~~and~~

(8) Costs associated with the development of fisheries and wildlife or marine resources projects; and

(9) Costs related to the construction or operation of municipal or plantation public safety facilities, the need for which is related to general economic development within the municipality or plantation, not to exceed 15% of the captured assessed value of the development district; and

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 669, §1, is amended to read:

2. Unauthorized project costs. Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (9) and subsection 1, paragraph D, the commissioner may not approve as a project cost the cost of facilities, buildings or portions of buildings used predominantly for the general conduct of government or for public recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, city halls and other headquarters of government where the governing body meets regularly, courthouses, jails, ~~police stations~~ and other state and local government office buildings, recreation centers, athletic fields and swimming pools.

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CHAPTER 149

S.P. 348 - L.D. 1128

**An Act To Clarify Statutes
Related to Establishing a
Municipal Charter
Commission**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2102, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

B. The municipal clerk shall prepare the petition forms at the municipality's expense. The petition forms ~~shall~~ **must** be printed on paper of uniform size and may consist of as many individual sheets as are reasonably necessary.

(1) Petition forms ~~shall~~ **must** carry the following legend in bold lettering at the top of the face of each form.

"Municipality of"

In the instance of preparing a new charter, the lettering at the top of the form must read: "Each of the undersigned voters respectfully requests the municipal officers to establish a Charter Commission for the purpose of revising the Municipal Charter or preparing a New Municipal Charter."

In the instance of revising a charter, the lettering at the top of the form must read: "Each of the undersigned voters respectfully requests the municipal officers to establish a Charter Commission for the purpose of revising the Municipal Charter."

Each signature to a petition must be in ink or other indelible instrument and must be followed by the residence of the voter with street and number, if any. ~~No~~ A petition may not contain any party or political designation.

(2) The clerk shall note the date of each petition form issued. All petitions must be filed within 120 days of the date of issue or they are void.

(3) Each petition form ~~shall~~ must have printed on its back an affidavit to be executed by the circulator, stating:

- (a) That the circulator personally circulated the form;
- (b) The number of signatures on the form;
- (c) That all the signatures were signed in the circulator's presence;
- (d) That the circulator believes them to be genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be;
- (e) That each signer has signed no more than one petition; and
- (f) That each signer had an opportunity to read the petition before signing.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2102, sub-§5, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

A. The question to be submitted to the voters ~~shall~~ must be in substance as follows:

~~"Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of revising the Municipal Charter or establishing a New Municipal Charter?"~~

In the instance of establishing a new charter, the question must read: "Shall a Charter

Commission be established for the purpose of establishing a New Municipal Charter?"

In the instance of revising a charter, the question must read: "Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of revising the Municipal Charter?"

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**CHAPTER 150
H.P. 1010 - L.D. 1396**

**An Act To Update the Laws
Governing the Regional
Library Systems**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§5-D is enacted to read:

5-D.

<u>Culture</u>	<u>Maine</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>27 MRSA</u>
	<u>Library</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>§114-A</u>
	<u>Advisory</u>		
	<u>Council</u>		

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §110, sub-§2, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2, §101, is amended to read:

2. Area reference and resource center. "Area reference and resource center" means a large public, school or academic library designated by the State Librarian and receiving state aid for the purposes of making its resources and services available without charge to all residents ~~of the district~~ within a library region, of providing supplementary library services to local libraries within the ~~district~~ library region and of coordinating the services of all local libraries within the ~~district~~ library region that by contract become part of the library ~~district~~ region.

Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §110, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1977, c. 125, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Maine State Library consultant or specialist. "~~District~~ Maine State Library consultant ~~or specialist~~" means ~~one~~ an individual who acts as a general library consultant ~~or specialist~~ to one or more ~~districts~~ library regions.

Sec. 4. 27 MRSA §110, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 464, §29, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 27 MRSA §110, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, §6, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 27 MRSA §110, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, §6, is amended to read: