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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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by ranked-choice voting, only a candidate who received one of the top 3 rankings at the end of the penultimate round of ranked-choice counting may request a recount. The recount is held under the supervision of the Secretary of State, who shall allow the candidate's representatives or counsel to recount the ballots. The candidate may not act as a counter of ballots.

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CHAPTER 321

S.P. 562 - L.D. 1706

An Act To Ensure Public Notification of Air Quality Violations

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §589-A is enacted to read:

§589-A. Notification of violation to affected municipality

When the department issues a notice of violation for a violation of this chapter pursuant to section 347-A or receives an air quality-related notice of violation from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the department shall provide notice of that violation to each municipality in which the violation occurred. The department may provide the information required under this section electronically.

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CHAPTER 322

S.P. 569 - L.D. 1720

An Act To Amend the So-called Dig Safe Law

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §3360-A, sub-§10-B is enacted to read:

10-B. Calling 9-1-1. If contact with or damage to an underground pipe or another underground facility results in the escape of any natural gas or other hazardous substance or material regulated by the United States Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the excavator shall immediately report the contact or damage by calling 9-1-1.

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CHAPTER 323

S.P. 570 - L.D. 1721

An Act To Amend the Campaign Reports and Finances Laws and the Maine Clean Election Act

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1002, sub-§1-A, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 470, §2, is amended to read:

D. Two initial appointees are appointed for one-year terms, 2 are appointed for 2-year terms and one is appointed for a 3-year term, according to a random lot drawing under the supervision of the Secretary of State. Subsequent appointees are appointed to serve 3-year terms. A person may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms, except that if a person is appointed to fill the unexpired portion of a term to fill a vacancy under paragraph F and that portion is less than 2 years, the person may serve 2 consecutive full terms thereafter.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1001, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 475, Pt. A, §27, is further amended to read:

2. Election. "Election" means any primary, general or special election for state or county office or municipal office pursuant in a municipality subject to Title 30-A, section 2502, subsection 1 and any referendum, including a municipal referendum in a municipality subject to Title 30-A, section 2502, subsection 2.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 470, §1, is further amended to read:

3-A. Confidential records. Investigative working papers of the commission are confidential, except that the commission may disclose them to the subject of the audit or investigation, other entities as necessary for the conduct of an audit or investigation and law enforcement and other agencies for purposes of reporting, investigating or prosecuting a criminal or civil violation. For purposes of this subsection, "investigative working papers" means documents, records and other printed or electronic information in the following limited categories that are acquired, prepared or maintained by the commission during the conduct of an audit, investigation or other enforcement matter:

A. Financial information not normally available to the public;

B. Information that, if disclosed, would reveal sensitive political or campaign information belonging to a party committee, political action committee, ballot question committee, candidate