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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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A lack of apparent marked boundaries of an ancient burying ground may not disprove the existence of an ancient burying ground.

Sec. 4. 13 MRSA §1101-D, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 700, §2, is amended to read:

§1101-D. Unorganized townships

If an ancient burying ground or a public burying ground as described in section 1101 is located in an unorganized township, the county in which the township is located is subject to sections 1101, 1101-B and 1101-C except that the county is not required to designate a caretaker by a writing as required in section 1101, subsection 1.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 562

H.P. 1326 - L.D. 1855

An Act To Include Student Absences for Mental Health or Behavioral Health Needs as Excusable Absences

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3272, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 490, §8, is amended to read:

A. Personal ~~illness~~ health, including the person's physical, mental and behavioral health;

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5001-A, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 806, §49, is amended to read:

A. Personal ~~illness~~ health, including the person's physical, mental and behavioral health;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 563

S.P. 641 - L.D. 1869

An Act To Clarify the Financial Reporting Responsibilities of 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 §1, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Ballot question committee. "Ballot question committee" means a person required to register as a ballot question committee under section 1056-B.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§29-A is enacted to read:

29-A. Political action committee. "Political action committee" means a person required to register as a political action committee under section 1052-A.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §27, is further amended to read:

2. Committee. "Committee" means any political action committee, as defined in this subchapter, or any ballot question committee required to be registered under section 1056-B and includes any agent of a political action committee or ballot question committee.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1052-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 408, §2, is further amended to read:

§1052-A. Registration

A political action committee shall register with the commission and amend its registration as required by this section. A registration is not timely filed unless it contains all the information required in this section.

1. Deadlines to file and amend registrations. A political action committee shall register and file amendments with the commission according to the following schedule.

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.

B. A political action committee shall amend the registration within 10 days of a change in the information that political action committees are required to disclose under this section.

C. A political action committee shall file an updated registration form between January 1st and March 1st of each year in which a general election is held. The commission may waive the updated registration requirement for a newly registered political action committee or other registered political action committee if the commission determines that the requirement would cause an administrative burden disproportionate to the public benefit of the updated information.

2. Disclosure of treasurer and officers. A political action committee must have a treasurer and a principal officer. The same individual may not serve in both positions. The political action committee's registration