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**CHAPTER 10
H.P. 57 - L.D. 91**

**An Act To Update the Maine
Uniform Accounting and
Auditing Practices Act for
Community Agencies**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1660-D, sub-§11, as amended by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. SS, §1, is further amended to read:

11. Federal audit. "Federal audit" means an audit made pursuant to the federal Office of Management and Budget ~~Circular A-133~~ uniform guidance under 2 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200 or any subsequent revisions.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1660-E, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 402, Pt. C, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1660-F, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. SS, §2, is further amended to read:

A. If the community agency expends less than ~~\$500,000~~ \$100,000, the agency shall comply with the terms of financial reporting contained in the individual social service agreements with the department.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §1660-F, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. If the community agency expends between \$100,000 and \$500,000, the agency shall have an entitywide review of its financial statements and agreement supplemental schedules conducted by a qualified independent public accountant.

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §1660-L, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 2, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §1660-M, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 402, Pt. C, §2, is amended to read:

§1660-M. Appeals

Any person aggrieved under this chapter is entitled to judicial review, as provided in the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. ~~The commissioner shall consult with the Advisory Committee to the Commissioner about additional appeal procedures and may adopt rules providing for such procedures.~~

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**CHAPTER 11
H.P. 68 - L.D. 102**

**An Act To Extend the Time
Frame for Processing Absentee
Ballots**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §760-B, first ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §37, is further amended to read:

Any municipality or jurisdiction that conducts its own elections may opt to process absentee ballots beginning on the ~~4th~~ 7th day immediately prior to election day. The clerk shall use the following procedure when processing the absentee ballots during this time.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §760-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 636, §16, is further amended to read:

2. Notice of early processing. The clerk must give notice of the municipality's intent to process absentee ballots prior to election day using a notice of early processing form provided by the Secretary of State, stating the days and times that the clerk intends to begin processing absentee ballots and the inspection period provided in subsection 3. At least ~~60~~ 30 days before election day, the clerk shall provide a copy of the notice of early processing to the Secretary of State and the chairs of each political party of the municipality indicating that early processing of absentee ballots will occur. The notice to the political parties must be considered sufficient as long as it is mailed to the last address of each municipal chair that is known to the clerk. The notice to the Secretary of State may be delivered by mail or facsimile or as a scanned attachment to an e-mail address established by the Secretary of State. If the notice is not received by the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on the ~~60th~~ 30th day before election day, the municipality may not process absentee ballots prior to election day. The clerk shall post a copy of the notice of early processing with the notice of election as provided in section 621-A.

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