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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2021

Sec. 13. 21-A MRSA §152, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Design of online voter registration application; rulemaking. The Secretary of State shall design the online voter registration application that meets the requirements of subsection 1 and that can be submitted online through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website. The online registration application must be designed to prevent an applicant from registering to vote unless the applicant discloses a current, valid Maine driver's license number or nondriver identification number or the last 4 digits of the applicant's social security number.

The Secretary of State shall adopt rules governing the online voter registration process, which must, at a minimum, include the following:

A. A process for informing an applicant who discloses a current, valid Maine driver's license number or nondriver identification card number that disclosure of that number constitutes consent to the use of the applicant's signature on the driver's license or nondriver identification card for all purposes for which a signature on a written application for voter registration is used under this Title;

B. A process for an applicant who discloses the last 4 digits of the applicant's social security number to include with the online voter registration application an electronic image of the applicant's signature and for the applicant to consent to the use of that electronic image of the applicant's signature for all purposes for which a signature on a written application for voter registration is used under this Title;

C. A process for transmitting any driver's license number or nondriver identification card number from an online voter registration application along with the applicant's name and date of birth to the central voter registration system and for determining whether the information entered in the central voter registration system matches the information in the driver's license or nondriver identification card records maintained by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and, if a match is found, for transmitting an electronic image of the applicant's signature on that driver's license or nondriver identification card from the bureau to the central voter registration system;

D. A process for matching the last 4 digits of a social security number provided in an online voter registration application and the applicant's name and date of birth with the information available from the United States Social Security Administration;

E. A process for transmitting the contents of each online voter registration application and the electronic image of the signature of that applicant to the appropriate registrar of voters;

F. Minimum procedures and security measures for ensuring the accuracy and security of online voter registration applications;

G. A process and form for a registered voter whose name is changed by marriage or other process of law or who has moved within a municipality to notify the appropriate registrar of voters pursuant to section 129 of the registered voter's new name or address through the online voter registration application; and

H. A process and form for a registered voter to enroll in a party pursuant to section 142, to change the voter's party enrollment pursuant to section 144 or to withdraw from a party pursuant to section 145 through the online voter registration application.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 14. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted programming costs to implement online voter registration.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$259,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$259,000

Sec. 15. Effective date. This Act takes effect November 1, 2023.

Effective November 1, 2023.

**CHAPTER 440
H.P. 818 - L.D. 1140**

An Act To Establish a Sales Tax Exemption for the Purchase of Firearm Safety Devices

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§107 is enacted to read:

107. Firearm safety devices. Beginning January 1, 2022, sales of firearm safety devices. For purposes of this subsection, "firearm safety device" means, if specifically designed for securing firearms:

A. A safe or lockbox; or

B. A trigger or barrel lock.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 441

H.P. 866 - L.D. 1188

An Act To Include Career and Technical Education Teachers in the Minimum \$40,000 Salary Initiative

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to ensure that career and technical education teachers are eligible for the incremental increase in minimum salary for the school year starting after June 30, 2021; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13407, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. UU, §2, is amended to read:

§13407. Minimum salaries beginning in 2020-2021 school year

Each school administrative unit shall establish a minimum salary for certified teachers and career and technical education teachers as follows:

1. School year 2020-2021. For the school year starting after June 30, 2020, the minimum salary is \$35,000;

2. School year 2021-2022. For the school year starting after June 30, 2021, the minimum salary for certified teachers and career and technical education teachers is \$37,500; and

3. School years beginning in or after 2022. For the school year starting after June 30, 2022, and in each subsequent school year, the minimum salary for certified teachers and career and technical education teachers is \$40,000.

A school administrative unit shall provide to the department annually on or before October 1st the number of certified teachers and career and technical education teachers eligible for incremental salary increases as defined in section 15689, subsection 7-A, paragraph A.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§7-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 616, Pt. C, §6, is further amended to read:

7-A. Adjustment for minimum teacher salary. Beginning in fiscal year 2020-21, the commissioner shall, in accordance with this subsection, increase the state share of the total allocation to a qualifying school administrative unit by an amount necessary to achieve the minimum salary for certified teachers and career and technical education teachers established in section 13407.

A. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, "qualifying school administrative unit" means a school administrative unit that the commissioner determines to have a locally established salary schedule with a minimum teacher salary of less than \$40,000 in school year 2019-2020. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, "incremental salary increases" means the incremental increases in the salaries of certified teachers and career and technical education teachers employed by a qualifying school administrative unit in school year 2019-2020 necessary to meet the minimum salary requirements of section 13407 from fiscal year 2020-21 to fiscal year 2022-23.

B. The commissioner shall allocate the funds appropriated by the Legislature in accordance with the following.

(1) The amount of increased funds provided to qualifying school administrative units under this subsection must be the amount necessary to fund the incremental salary increases specified in this subsection.

(2) The number of certified teachers and career and technical education teachers eligible for incremental salary increases in a qualifying school administrative unit for a fiscal year must be based on the information supplied to the department pursuant to section 13407 in that fiscal year.

(3) The increased funds provided under this subsection must be issued to qualifying school administrative units as an adjustment to the state school subsidy for distribution to the certified teachers and career and technical education teachers. Qualifying school administrative units shall use the payments provided under this subsection to provide salary adjustments to those certified teachers and career and technical education teachers eligible for incremental salary increases. The department shall collect the necessary data to allow the funds to be included in a qualifying school administrative unit's monthly subsidy payments beginning no later than February 1st of each fiscal year.