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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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3. Consultations. Within 30 days of the effective date of this chapter, and at least quarterly thereafter, the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, and the ~~Chief Information Officer~~ Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, shall consult at least quarterly with:

A. The Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations established by Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 19 to discuss how racial equity will be incorporated in the data governance program as well as in all projects related to the program. The consultation must include discussion of methods for building racial equity considerations into every aspect of the data life cycle, including planning, data collection, data access, algorithms, statistical tools, data analysis, reporting and dissemination; and

B. The State Archivist, or the archivist's designee, regarding the development and implementation of the data governance program and to generate a records management and retention plan and program in compliance with Title 5, section 95-C.

4. Report. The Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, the ~~Chief Information Officer~~ Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations established by Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 19 shall jointly report on the status of the program and the consultations under subsection 3 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters annually by February ~~15~~ 15th. The committee may report out a bill based on the report during the legislative session in which the report is received.

5. State agency designee. Each state agency shall designate an employee with the responsibility to oversee the agency's compliance with the data governance program established pursuant to this section.

6. Inventory. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, shall work with the state agency designees under subsection 5 to inventory the collection and availability of demographic data fields by the state agency, including, but not limited to, gender, location, race, ethnicity, birth sex, citizenship, socioeconomic status, education, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability status and age. This inventory is distinct from the definitions and standards developed pursuant to subsection 7 and is not itself data collection.

7. Definitions and standards. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, shall develop a definition and

standard for certain demographic data fields, including, but not limited to, gender, location, race, ethnicity, birth sex, citizenship, socioeconomic status, education, sexual orientation, veteran status, disability status and age. The definitions and standards must be developed in consultation with the Department of the Secretary of State and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations established by Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 19.

8. Stakeholder group. To the extent resources are available, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, shall work with the Department of the Secretary of State and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations established by Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 19 to convene a stakeholder group at least once each year to review progress in developing and implementing the data governance program. When inviting members to the stakeholder group, consideration must be given to racial, ethnic, gender, socioeconomic and other demographic diversity.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 582
H.P. 1414 - L.D. 2207

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2024-25

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

Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; 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. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for

services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2024-25 is as follows:

Fiscal Administration - Office of the State Auditor	\$284,273
Education	\$15,658,904
Forest Fire Protection	\$120,000
Human Services - General Assistance	\$55,000
Property Tax Assessment	\$1,430,283
Maine Land Use Planning Commission	\$727,923
TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$18,276,383
County Reimbursements for Services	
Aroostook	\$2,332,958
Franklin	\$1,432,782
Hancock	\$164,355
Kennebec	\$12,620
Lincoln	\$83,837
Oxford	\$1,854,047
Penobscot	\$1,999,755
Piscataquis	\$1,946,775
Somerset	\$2,724,299
Washington	\$1,589,668
TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	\$14,141,096
COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRUBUTIONS FROM FUND	
Tax Increment Financing Payments	\$3,189,868
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$35,607,347
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
Requirements	\$35,607,347
Less Revenue Deductions:	
General Revenue	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$550,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$300,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$10,000
Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$3,699,159
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$4,559,159
Education Revenue	
Land Reserved Trust Interest	\$110,000
Tuition and School Transportation Charges	\$150,000
Special - Teacher Retirement Funding from State	\$250,000
TOTAL EDUCATION REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$510,000
TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$5,069,159
TAX ASSESSMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES AND OVERLAY (Title 36, §1602)	\$30,538,188

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 28, 2024.

CHAPTER 583
H.P. 1461 - L.D. 2272

An Act Related to Airboats and Airboat Noise Limits

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

Whereas, the Legislature enacted legislation in 2023 to extend the repeal date of the provisions of law establishing airboat noise limits but this legislation did not take effect before the provisions were repealed; and

Whereas, the stakeholder group on airboat noise issues convened pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 166 and extended by Public Law 2021, chapter 585 and Public Law 2023, chapter 209 has recommended that the decibel level limits for airboats be reestablished immediately; 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. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§10, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 166, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

As used in this paragraph, "motorboat" does not include an "airboat," ~~which has the same meaning as defined in paragraph A-2 subsection 10-A.~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§10-A is enacted to read:

10-A. Operating airboat that exceeds noise limits. The following provisions govern airboat noise limits.

A. A person may not operate an airboat:

(1) If the noise level of the airboat exceeds 90 decibels as measured in a stationary sound level test as prescribed by SAE standards J-2005;

(2) Between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. in such a manner as to exceed a noise level of 75 decibels on the "A" scale as measured by the