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## CHAPTER 41

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE INDIAN  
VOTING DISTRICTS

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**§ 1621. Indian voting districts**

There are continued 3 voting districts previously created as follows: Indian Island Voting District, comprising all of the Penobscot Tribal Reservation situated on Indian Island, within the limits of the City of Old Town in the County of Penobscot; Peter Dana Point Voting District, comprising all of the Passamaquoddy Tribal Reservation, situated on Indian Township, in the County of Washington; and Pleasant Point Voting District, comprising all of the Passamaquoddy Tribal Reservation, situated on Pleasant Point in the County of Washington.

1961, c. 360, § 1.

**§ 1622. —Election procedure**

The following provisions apply to each Indian voting district:

**1. Ballot and voting material.** A reasonable time before any election, the Secretary of State shall furnish the registration commissioner of each district with ballots, specimen ballots, instruction posters and other materials necessary for conducting and reporting the results of the election.

**2. Voting place.** The Commissioner of Health and Welfare shall provide a suitable building for use as a voting place for all elections. He shall equip it with voting booths, guardrails and other necessary equipment as required by this Title.

**3. Registration commissioner.** The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a qualified person as registration commissioner of each voting district. The commissioner shall serve for 2 years from the date of his appointment. He shall receive a salary of \$20 for each day actually and necessarily employed in the performance of his duties. In case of a vacancy in the office of registration commissioner, the Gover-

nor shall make a new appointment in the same manner as the original appointment for a full term. If there is insufficient time before the next election, in the opinion of the Governor, to obtain a person to serve, he may appoint a temporary registration commissioner to conduct that election only. The appointment of a temporary registration commissioner may be made without the advice and consent of the Council.

**4. Duties of registration commissioner.** The registration commissioner shall determine the constitutional qualifications of residents of his voting district who desire to register. If an applicant has been a resident of the district for 3 months, and meets the requirements of the Constitution, Article II, Section 1, the registration commissioner may permit him to register as a voter and enroll as a member of any political party. An applicant may register and enroll on election day.

1963, c. 223.

**5. Office hours.** The registration commissioner shall hold office hours at the voting place, or in some other convenient location in his district, on the Tuesday before each election from 2 to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m. for the purpose of registering and enrolling Indian voters.

**6. Procedure at election.** The registration commissioner shall act as a warden, ward clerk and clerk and shall perform all their duties in the conduct of the election. He shall appoint 2 election clerks, if available and qualified, who are Indian residents of the district, and who represent the 2 major parties from candidates nominated by the chairman of the county political committee. Each election clerk shall receive \$10 per day.

1961, c. 408, § 13.

**7. Election notified.** The registration commissioner shall notify each election by issuing a warrant and posting attested copies of it in at least 2 conspicuous, public places in the district. The copies of the warrant shall be posted at least 7 days before the election, and an attested copy with the return of the registration commissioner stating the manner of notice, and the time it was given, shall be filed by him in the office of the Secretary of State before the day of the election for which the warrant was issued.

**8. Law applicable.** Registration, enrollment and the conduct of the election is governed by this Title, except as otherwise provided by this section.

**9. Election return.** After the votes have been sorted, counted and the ballots preserved according to this Title, the election clerks shall fill out the election return, the registration commissioner shall attest it and deliver it promptly to the office of the Secretary of State.

**10. Compensation.** After each election, the registration commissioner shall prepare an itemized bill stating the amount due him and the election clerks. He shall submit the bill to the Commissioner of Health and Welfare, who shall pay it from funds appropriated by the State for support of the Indian tribes.

1961, c. 360, § 1; c. 408, § 13; 1963, c. 223.