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January 30, 2002

Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.
Governor of Maine
1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor King:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. Section 8056-A, the Secretary of State is hereby submitting its report on the progress of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

During the year 2001, there were 320 proposed rule notices and 546 adopted rules. This represents an increase of 18 proposed rules and a decrease of 21 adopted rules from 2000. There were 7 major-substantive rules submitted to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature. This is a decrease of 3 from 2000. Additionally, during 2001, the cost of publishing the rule-making notices was \$327,857.44. This was an increase of \$37,283.08 from 2000. This amount was spread among the rule-making agencies *pro rata*. At the end of 2001, there were 1,841 rules on file with the Secretary of State. This is an increase of 8 from the rules in effect at the end of 2000.

The Secretary of State solicited comments on the progress of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act by publishing a notice in five daily Maine newspapers. We did not receive any comments.

Direct access to the full texts of Maine's rule chapters and regulatory agendas may be found on the Department's website at: www.state.me.us/sos/

If you have any questions regarding the Administrative Procedure Act, please contact Deborah Cabana, Director of Elections and Commissions at 624-7650.

Sincerely yours,

Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State