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Honorable John E. Baldacci
Governor of Maine
1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Baldacci:

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 2003, there were 305 proposed rule notices and 489 adopted rules. This represents a decrease of 32 proposed rules and a decrease of 26 adopted rules from 2002. There were 17 major-substantive rules submitted to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature during 2003. This is a decrease of 1 from 2002. Additionally, during 2003, the cost of publishing the rule-making notices was \$345,083.57. This is an increase of \$34,938.91 from 2002. This amount was spread among the rule-making agencies *pro rata*. At the end of 2003, there were 1,869 rules on file with the Secretary of State. This is a decrease of 3 from the rules in effect at the end of 2002.

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.maine.gov.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Gwadosky'.

Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State