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January 31, 2020

Honorable Ned Claxton, Senate Chair  
Honorable Roland "Danny" Martin, House Chair  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government  
2 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0002

Dear Senator Claxton, Representative Martin and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government:

Pursuant to 5 MRS §8056-A, herein is the Secretary of State's report on the progress of the *Maine Administrative Procedure Act* (APA).

During the year 2019, there were 295 proposed rule filings and 271 adopted rule filings. This represents an increase of 4 proposed rule filings and a decrease of 7 adopted rule filings from 2018. There were 13 provisional major substantive rule adoptions submitted by agencies to the Secretary of State and the Legislature during 2019, which is 4 fewer than 2018. During 2019, 22 new rule chapters were adopted, and 10 were repealed. At the end of 2019 there were 2,181 current rule chapters in effect and on file with the Secretary of State under the APA.

Additionally, during 2019, the cost of publishing the Wednesday rule-making proposal notices in five daily newspapers was \$214,218. This was a decrease of \$27,946 from 2018. This cost was spread among the rule-making agencies *pro rata*. Pursuant to Chapter 380 of the *Public Laws of 2011*, notice of the adoption of rules is no longer published in the newspapers. Weekly adoption notices are included on the Bureau's (CEC) website along with the rulemaking proposal notices.

The Secretary of State solicited comments on the progress of the Maine APA by publishing a notice in five daily newspapers and on the Internet. No comments were received.

Direct access to the full text of Maine's rule chapters and regulatory agendas may be found on the Department's website at: [www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules).

If you have any questions regarding the *Administrative Procedure Act*, please contact me or Julie Flynn, Deputy Secretary of State at 624-7650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Dunlap", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State