

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Office of
Secretary of State**

Honorable May M. Ross, Secretary
Maine Senate
State House
Augusta, Maine
Dear Mrs. Ross:

Attached please find the 1980 Annual Report on the activities of charitable organizations within this state.

Maine's Charitable Solicitations Act took effect January 1, 1978. Essentially, it requires all charitable organizations to register with our office. Certain types (churches, educational institutions, small charities) are "exempt" from annual filings and financial reports; they submit only an initial registration.

Charitable organizations pay no filing fees; however, professional fundraisers must pay a \$100 fee and post a \$10,000 bond. Organizations grossing more than \$30,000 annually must submit a financial report indicating how much was spent directly for the charity, for administration and for fundraising.

Currently LD 64 proposes transferring the responsibility for administering the Act to the Department of Business Regulation. That Department's regulation of auctioneers and itinerant vendors suggest efficiencies and convenience for the public.

If any legislators have any constituents who are interested in the administration of this law or who need assistance, please feel free to have them contact my Deputy, Dr. James S. Henderson. He will be glad to accept any suggestions that would result in the fairest application of this law to all organizations while avoiding hardship on the smallest charitable groups.

Very truly yours,
S/RODNEY S. QUINN
Secretary of State

Which was Read and with accompanying Report, Ordered Placed on File.

**Senate Chamber
President's Office**

February 12, 1981

Honorable James A. McBreairty
Honorable Donald M. Hall
Chairmen, Joint Standing Committee
on Energy and Natural Resources
State House
Augusta, ME

Please be advised that Governor Joseph E. Brennan is nominating Evelyn Jephson of Kennebunk for reappointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38 MRSA Section 341, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,
S/JOSEPH SEWALL
President of the Senate
S/JOHN L. MARTIN
Speaker of the House
(S. P. 305)

Which was Read and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate Chamber
President's Office**

February 12, 1981

Honorable James A. McBreairty
Honorable Donald M. Hall
Chairmen, Joint Standing Committee
on Energy and Natural Resources
State House
Augusta, ME

Please be advised that Governor Joseph E. Brennan is nominating James H. Tweedie of Mars Hill for reappointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38 MRSA Section 341, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,
S/JOSEPH SEWALL
President of the Senate
S/JOHN L. MARTIN
Speaker of the House
(S. P. 306)

Which was Read and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Sent down for concurrence.

**Senate Chamber
President's Office**

February 12, 1981

Honorable James A. McBreairty
Honorable Donald M. Hall
Chairmen, Joint Standing Committee
on Energy and Natural Resources
State House
Augusta, ME

Please be advised that Governor Joseph E. Brennan is nominating William B. Blodgett of Waldoboro for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Pursuant to Title 38 MRSA Section 341, this nomination will require review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and confirmation by the Senate.

Sincerely,
S/JOSEPH SEWALL
President of the Senate
S/JOHN L. MARTIN
Speaker of the House
(S. P. 307)

Which was Read and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
Sent down for concurrence.

Senate Papers

Senator COLLINS of Knox presented, Bill, "An Act Concerning Retirement and Benefits for State Employees Returning to Work after Attaining the Age of 60." (S. P. 299)

Senator COLLINS of Knox presented, Bill, "An Act Concerning Health Insurance Plans under the State Retirement System." (S. P. 300)

Senator TEAGUE of Somerset (Cosponsor: Representative NELSON of Portland) presented, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Group Life Insurance Program for State Employees and Teachers." (S. P. 301)

Which were referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator TRAFTON of Androscoggin (Cosponsor: Senator COLLINS of Knox) presented, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Dental Practice Act." (S. P. 298)

Which was referred to the Committee on Business Legislation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator GILL of Cumberland (Cosponsors: Representative HOLLOWAY of Edgecomb, Representative BERUBE of Lewiston and Representative RANDALL of East Machias) presented, Bill, "An Act Promoting the Availability of Health Care Services." (S. P. 303)

Which was referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator DUTREMBLE of York presented, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Reappointment of Sheriffs' Deputies." (S. P. 297)

Which was referred to the Committee on Local and County Government and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Senator REDMOND of Somerset presented, Bill, "An Act Relating to Vehicle Sizes and Weights." (S. P. 302)

Which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Ordered Printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Committee Reports
House**

The following Ought Not to Pass report shall be placed in the Legislative files without further action pursuant to Rule 22 of the Joint Rules:

Bill, "An Act to Abolish the Present Structure of the Public Utilities Commission." (H. P. 114) (L. D. 187)

Leave to Withdraw

The Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife on, Bill, "An Act Concerning Election of the Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council." (H. P. 272) (L. D. 305)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on Judiciary on, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Fees Charged by Persons Involved in Probating Estates." (H. P. 141) (L. D. 167)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

The Committee on State Government on, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Standard of Type for Governmental Use to Assure Readability of Published Information." (H. P. 77) (L. D. 100)

Reported that the same be granted Leave to Withdraw.

Comes from the House, the Report Read and Accepted.

Which Reports were Read and Accepted, in concurrence.

Ought to Pass — As Amended

The Committee on Agriculture on, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Annual Timber Cut Report Requirement to Include Fuelwood under the Annual Timber Cut Report." (H. P. 10) (L. D. 5)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-16).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

The Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Repeal Provisions for Premiums and Rebates under the Liquor Laws." (H. P. 234) (L. D. 249)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which Reports were Read and Accepted, in concurrence, and the Bills Read Once. Committee Amendments "A" were Read and Adopted, in concurrence, and the Bills, as amended, Tomorrow Assigned for Second Reading.

The Committee on Legal Affairs on, Bill, "An Act to Provide Relocation Assistance to Certain Persons Ineligible for Federal Benefits." (H. P. 19) (L. D. 25)

Reported that the same Ought to Pass as amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-14).

Comes from the House, the Bill Passed to be Engrossed as amended by Committee Amendment "A".

Which Report was Read.

The PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Knox, Senator Collins.

Senator COLLINS: May I ask through the Chair if there is any fiscal note attached to this measure?

The PRESIDENT: The Senator from Knox, Senator Collins, has proposed a question through the Chair, to any Senator who may