**State of Maine: Notice of Agency Rulemaking – January 4, 2023**

**NOTICE OF STATE RULEMAKING**

**Public Input for Rules**

Notices are published each Wednesday to alert the public regarding state agency rulemaking. You may obtain a copy of any rule by notifying the agency contact person. You may also comment on the rule, and/or attend the public hearing. If no hearing is scheduled, you may request one - the agency may then schedule a hearing, and must do so if 5 or more persons request it. If you are disabled or need special services to attend a hearing, please notify the agency contact person at least 7 days prior to it. **Petitions**: you can petition an agency to adopt, amend, or repeal any rule; the agency must provide you with petition forms, and must respond to your petition within 60 days. The agency must enter rulemaking if the petition is signed by 150 or more registered voters, and may begin rulemaking if there are fewer. You can also petition the Legislature to review a rule; the Executive Director of the Legislative Council (115 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333, phone (207) 287-1615) will provide you with the necessary petition forms. The appropriate legislative committee will review a rule upon receipt of a petition from 100 or more registered voters, or from "...any person who may be directly, substantially and adversely affected by the application of a rule..." (Title 5 §11112). **World‑Wide Web**: Copies of the weekly notices and the full texts of adopted rule chapters may be found on the internet at: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules>. There is also a list of rulemaking liaisons (<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/liaisons.html>), who are single points of contact for each agency.

**NOTICE**

AGENCY: **29-250** - Department of Secretary of State, **Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions**

RULE TITLE OR SUBJECT: **Request for Comments on the *Maine Administrative Procedure Act* (APA)**

CONCISE SUMMARY: By the end of January, 2023, the Secretary of State must file an annual report to the Governor and the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government regarding the *Administrative Procedure Act*. The purpose of this notice is to solicit, from state agencies and the public, recommendations for improvements to the rulemaking process. We will include a summary on these recommendations in the report. Please submit comments via email or U.S. postal.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 MRS §8056-A

PUBLIC HEARING: None

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: January 25, 2022

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WEBSITE: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/index.html>.

**PROPOSALS**

None this week.

**ADOPTIONS**

None this week.