

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 419**

S. P. 170

In Senate, February 5, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Reid of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, Providing for the Revision of the Statutes.**

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**Revision of statutes committee. Resolved:** That a joint committee of 2 members of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate and 3 members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house be, and hereby is, created for the purpose of preparing and completing a revision of the statutes and public laws of the state. Said committee, with the assistance of the director of legislative research, is hereby authorized to consolidate all the public laws now in force and such as may be enacted at the present session of the legislature; to omit from said revision all such statutes and acts as have been repealed or superseded; to arrange the chapters and sections of the revision so that relative subject matters will be contiguous as far as possible; to add references to all decisions interpreting the statutes which appear in the Maine reports; to correct the notes and references for new sections; to prepare a cross reference table showing where the sections and chapters of the 1944 revision and laws amendatory thereof appear in the new revision; and to report a final draft of such revision in print. The committee is hereby authorized in its discretion to omit chapter 149 of the present revised statutes, entitled "The Insolvent Law," chapter 33 of the revised statutes, being the inland fish and game laws, and chapter 34 of the revised statutes, being the sea and shore fisheries laws, from the printed volumes of the new revision, but said chap-

ters shall be printed by title only, with proper references, and the same shall be retained in full force and shall be excepted from the operation of the repealing act; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the committee shall supplement the final draft herein provided for with a suitable, comprehensive index and be it further

**Resolved:** That the committee shall cause 200 copies of the revision to be printed and bound in paper or board covers, and a copy thereof shall be delivered to each member of the legislature as soon as practical; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the committee is hereby authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary to expedite the revision and approve for payment the expense of any preliminary printing and such extra expense as may be incurred by the director of legislative research in carrying out his duties under this resolve; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the governor and council provide by contract with some responsible person or persons, upon such terms and conditions as they deem necessary for the interests of the state, for the printing and binding of the report of the revision committee, submitting the final draft of the revision, and for the printing, binding and publication, as soon as may be after the enactment thereof, of not more than 5,000 copies of the revised statutes with the constitution of the state, the constitution of the United States, the repealing act, the cross reference tables, and the index prepared under the provisions of this resolve. Said revised statutes shall be bound in such style as to the size of volumes, page, width of margin, printing, paper and binding as may be approved by the governor and council; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the secretary of state shall secure the copyright of said volume or volumes for the use of the state and that the title to the annotations and the index contained in said volume be and remain the property of the state; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the state controller, upon approval of the chairman of the revision committee, is hereby authorized to cause payment to be made for the services and proper expenses of the committee, and also compensation for such professional, expert and clerical assistants as may be employed; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the sum of \$125,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund for carrying out the provisions of this resolve, and the unexpended balance at the close of any fiscal year shall not lapse but

shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this resolve have been completely carried out; and be it further

**Resolved:** That this resolve, pertaining solely to facilitating the performance of the business of the legislature and of the committee thereof, shall take effect upon approval.