

## ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

### AS PASSED BY THE

## One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 14, 1973

## CHAPTER 351

### AN ACT Raising the Maximum Age of a Juvenile Offender.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 15, § 2502, sub-§ 4, amended. Subsection 4 of section 2502 of Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

4. Juvenile offender. "Juvenile offender" means any child under 77 18 years of age who has been found by an appropriate juvenile court to have committed any of the acts or offenses specified in chapters 401 to 409.

Effective October 3, 1973

## CHAPTER 352

#### AN ACT to Provide for Secret Ballot by Alternative Means at Town Meeting.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**R. S., T. 30, § 2061, sub-§ 4, amended.** Subsection 4 of section 2061 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

4. Referendum questions. By order of the municipal officers or  $\Theta$  n on the written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the town at the last gubernatorial election, but in no case less than 10, the selectmen municipal officers shall require that a particular article be placed in the next ballot printed, or shall call a special town meeting for its consideration. If such particular article be placed in the next ballot printed, • A public hearing shall be held by the municipal officers on the subject of such article at least 10 days before the day for voting thereon. Notice of such public hearing shall be given by the municipal officers by causing a copy of said proposed article together with the time and place of hearing, to be posted in the same manner required for posting a warrant for a town meeting, at least 7 days before the date set for such hearing, and a return shall be made on the original notice by the municipal officers stating the manner of notice and the time when it was given. The requirement for public hearing shall not be a prerequisite to the valid issuance of any bond, note or other obligation of a municipality authorized to borrow money by vote under any such particular article. The petition or order for placing an article on the ballot is subject to the same filing provisions as are nomination papers under this section. A vote by secret ballot takes precedence over a vote by any other means at the same meeting.

Effective October 3, 1973