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P R E F A C E

The "Laws of Maine," consisting of various laws, related state papers, indexes and tables, is compiled and published pursuant to Title 3, section 164, subsection 6 of the Maine Revised Statutes as an official edition of the session laws of this State.

This two-volume publication includes those Acts passed at the first regular session of the 108th Legislature which convened January 5, 1977, and adjourned sine die on July 25, 1977. The compilation is the first publication since the constitutional change to annual legislative sessions and, unlike previous publications, the laws of special sessions have been published separately and are not included at the beginning of this set.

In arranging this publication of the session laws, the following features have been included.

1. A table of contents is located at the beginning of the first volume which serves as a general index to the various divisions of this publication. State papers, such as apportionment, public acts suspended by petition and referendum, initiated bills, messages, addresses and proclamations of the Governor and other selected memorials and joint resolutions, may be located by reference to page number in the table of contents.

2. At the top of each page of the chaptered laws are located the individual classification of the law, its year of passage and its chapter number.

3. Words deleted from the law, unless repealed by express language, are denoted with lines drawn through them.

4. New words or sections are denoted by bold face type.

5. The consolidated text of the apportionment of the House of Representatives, as ordered by the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine and as amended by the Legislature during the year 1977, has been included in the second volume. It should be noted that this apportionment is limited to changes made in 1977 and does not include changes made thereafter.

6. A cumulative subject index of enactments since 1964, based on the subject index of the 1964 revision, is located near the end of the second volume and is arranged alphabetically by subject heading and then by session year within each subject heading to show changes since the last revision.

7. At the end of volume two, cumulative cross reference tables are provided showing how unallocated public laws, public laws exempted in previous revisions and Titles and sections of the Revised Statutes of 1964 have been affected to date.

As to the effective date of the Laws of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16 of the Constitution of Maine provides:

"No Act or joint resolution of the Legislature, except such orders or resolutions as pertain solely to facilitating the performance of the business of the Legislature, of either branch, or of any committee or officer thereof, or appropriate money therefor or for the payment of salaries fixed by law, shall take effect until ninety days after the recess of the session of the Legislature in which it was passed, unless in case of emergency, (which with the facts constituting the emergency shall be expressed in the preamble of the Act), the Legislature shall, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House, otherwise direct. An emergency bill shall include only such measures as are immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; and shall not include (1) an infringement of the right of home rule for municipalities, (2) a franchise or a license to a corporation or an individual to extend longer than one year, or (3) provision for the sale or purchase or renting for more than five years of real estate."

The effective date of nonemergency laws of the first regular session of the 108th Legislature is October 24, 1977, unless expressly provided otherwise therein.

Individual compilations of departmental laws are not included in these volumes, but may be available upon request from the respective departments.

This publication has been prepared and arranged with the hopes that you, the user, will find it satisfactory.

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