

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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AT THE

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AND AT THE

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(3) Sheriff		
(a) Until December 31, 1978	13,401	
(b) On and after January 1, 1979	13,500	
(4) Judge of probate	<del>11,101</del>	\$13,701
(5) Register of probate	9,217	
(6) Register of deeds	9,844	

Effective July 3, 1980

## CHAPTER 649

H. P. 1749 — L. D. 1865

### AN ACT to Clarify the Law Concerning Income Taxation of Servicemen who are Maine Residents.

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

**Sec. 1.** 36 MRSA § 5102, sub-§ 5, as enacted by P&SL 1969, c. 154, § F, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

**For purposes of this subsection, a Maine-domiciled individual who is absent from Maine because of his compliance with orders of the Armed Forces of the United States may not be deemed to maintain a permanent place of abode in any state, territory or possession of the United States, other than Maine, or in the District of Columbia.**

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** The provisions of this Act shall become effective with regard to tax years beginning January 1, 1980.

Effective July 3, 1980, Unless otherwise indicated

## CHAPTER 650

S. P. 666 — L. D. 1720

### AN ACT to Permit the Department of Transportation to Acquire Railroad Operating Equipment.

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

23 MRSA § 4207-A is enacted to read:

**§ 4207-A. Railroads; acquisition of railroad operating equipment by the Department of Transportation**

1. **Definition of term "railroad operating equipment."** Unless otherwise defined in this section, the term "railroad operating equipment" shall be construed to mean freight cars.

2. **Acquisition of railroad operating equipment.** The Department of Transportation is authorized to lease, purchase and dispose of railroad operating equipment when in the judgment of the department the purchase or disposal of the equipment is necessary to protect the public interest.

3. **Cooperation, acceptance and use of federal, local or private funds.** The Department of Transportation is authorized and empowered to accept, for the State any federal, municipal or private funds as may be available and to act for the State, in conjunction with the Federal Government, municipal governments and private groups having a direct interest in the acquisition of railroad operating equipment.

4. **Use of state funds prohibited.** No state funds may be used for any purpose defined in this section, including the administration of this section.

5. **State liability.** The State shall not be held liable in any contract pursuant to this section for the leasing or purchasing of equipment, facilities or services; for the delivery of products; for the storage of products; or for any other service or financial commitment that may result from the implementation of this section.

Effective July 3, 1980

## CHAPTER 651

H. P. 1762 — L. D. 1888

### AN ACT to Clarify the Administration of the Department of Manpower Affairs.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the First Regular Session of the 109th Legislature enacted changes in the Employment Security Law; and

Whereas, unless these changes are enacted as emergency legislation, they will not take effect until 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 109th Legislature; and

Whereas, these changes are immediately necessary to clarify policy making