

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**September 5, 1996 to September 7, 1996**

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 4, 1996 to March 27, 1997**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
1997**

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**CHAPTER 1**

**S.P. 27 - L.D. 25**

**Resolve, to Extend the Reporting  
Deadline of the Task Force on  
Tribal-State Relations**

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

**Whereas,** Resolve 1995, chapter 84 established the Task Force on Tribal-State Relations, whose duties include the study of ways to improve the relationship between the State and federally recognized Indian tribes; and

**Whereas,** the task force is to submit its report by December 15, 1996; and

**Whereas,** the task force needs additional time to complete its study and the study deadline must be extended; and

**Whereas,** this extension must occur before the expiration of the 90-day period; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Resolve 1995, c. 84, §5, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 1995, c. 84, §5, is amended to read:

**Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That by ~~December~~ January 15, ~~1996~~ 1997, the task force shall submit a report of its work and recommendations, along with any draft recommendations for legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters, the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Governor and Council of the Penobscot Indian Nation, the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseets and the Aroostook Micmac Council of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs. Any recommendations for legislation must be submitted to the Revisor of

Statutes by ~~December~~ January 15, ~~1996~~ 1997 for consideration as legislation during the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Retroactivity. Resolved:** That this resolve takes effect retroactively December 15, 1996.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective January 28, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 2**

**S.P. 57 - L.D. 167**

**Resolve, to Extend the Reporting  
Deadline for the Task Force on  
Paperwork Reduction in Nursing  
Facilities**

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

**Whereas,** the task force on paperwork reduction in nursing facilities established in Resolve 1995, chapter 71 has been working steadily since it was established but was unable to meet its final report date of November 15, 1996; and

**Whereas,** an extension of the reporting date is necessary to accomplish the goals of the resolve, which are in the best interests of the people of Maine; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Resolve 1995, c. 71, §6, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 1995, c. 71, §6 is amended to read:

**Sec. 6. Reports. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources an interim report by July 15, 1996