

# LAWS

## **OF THE**

# **STATE OF MAINE**

## AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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> J.S. McCarthy Company Augusta, Maine 1997

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM TOTAL

\$47,400

\$50,000

## TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

; and be it further

**Sec. 12. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1997-98

## LEGISLATURE

## Commission to Study the Development of Maine's Franco-American Resource

All Other

\$500

Provides a base allocation to authorize expenditures in the event that outside sources of funding are received to support the expenses of the Commission to Study the Development of Maine's Franco-American Resource.

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

Effective June 12, 1997.

#### CHAPTER 84

#### H.P. 1356 - L.D. 1903

### **Resolve, Regarding Payments to** Legislators during Special Session

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

Whereas, this resolve continues the elimination of the 118th Legislature of the per diem compensation payment for the First Special Session; and Whereas, in order to apply to such a special session, this resolve must take effect in advance 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. Legislative compensation. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, members of the Legislature are not entitled to per diem compensation payment for attendance at the First Special Session of the 118th Legislature.

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

Effective June 20, 1997.

#### CHAPTER 85

#### S.P. 679 - L.D. 1905

#### Resolve, Establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses in Maine

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 12 members appointed as follows: The Governor shall appoint 6 members, to include at least 2 members from the Governor's cabinet, one member representing the business sector, one member representing employee unions and one state employee; the Speaker of the House shall appoint 3 members, to include at least one Representative and one member representing the public sector; and the President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members, to include at least one Senator and one member representing the private sector; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing authorities