

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINTH REVISION

REVISED STATUTES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1954

FIRST ANNOTATED REVISION

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IN FIVE VOLUMES

VOLUME 1



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Committee Report

Pursuant to Chapter 181 of the Resolves of 1953, the undersigned Joint Select Committee was created for the purpose of preparing and completing, with the assistance of the Director of Legislative Research, a revision (the ninth) of the statutes and public laws of the state, with references, cross references and a suitable, comprehensive index. The resulting revision which has been prepared, in addition to codifying the laws of Maine to date, seeks to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Number of volumes. The number of public laws passed by ninety-six legislatures has been so great that we now reach a point where, to have a revision printed in one or two volumes, it would have to be done in small hard-to-read print on thin paper or result in hard-to-handle, unwieldy books. To avoid this, the present revision is being presented in five easy-to-read and easy-to-handle volumes, with four volumes containing the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Maine and the general laws, and the fifth volume containing the index and cross reference tables.

2. Annotations. A complete and comprehensive set of annotations to the general laws and Maine Constitution, which annotations have been prepared by a thorough editorial study and examination of all the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Maine, as reported in the State Reports beginning with Volume 1 and continuing through Volume 149. The official citation is at the end of the given annotation and they are logically arranged under the given statute.

3. Index. A thorough, complete and comprehensive general index to the Constitution and the State Statutes. The main headings carried in the general index have been broken down into component parts, and succeeding index lines or headings have been appropriately indented. The index is the result of an editorial study of the provisions of the constitution and statutes and does not represent merely a study of the catchlines to such provisions.

4. Cross references. A complete collection of cross references, carried in appropriate places throughout the Revision, which cross references serve to tie together the related statutes. These cross references are carried in the form of annotations and appear under the sections to which they are applicable.

By means of the foregoing, the Committee has sought to present a legal work readily usable by the jurist, lawyer and layman. Each volume has a pocket in the inside back cover for supplementary upkeep service in the event a future legislature should decide such a service is necessary or desirable.

In conclusion, the Committee would be remiss in its duty if it failed to point out the outstanding work performed by the Director of Legislative Research, Samuel H. Slosberg, and his staff in compiling the various changes in our laws which have taken place since the last revision. Representatives of several publishing firms were high in their praise of the completeness of his work.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, December 31, 1954.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF STATUTES.

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