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NINTH REVISION

REVISED STATUTES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1954

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FIRST ANNOTATED REVISION

Effective December 31, 1954

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IN FIVE VOLUMES

VOLUME 1



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# Director's Report

## FOREWORD

The Ninth Revision of the Public Laws of the State was authorized by Chapter 181 of the Resolves of 1953. This is the first Revision since the office of Director of Legislative Research was established in 1947.

A Joint Select Committee on Revision of Statutes was appointed by authority of the 96th Legislature to prepare and complete the present Revision. The Revision upon completion was presented to the 96th Legislature at a Special Session held on the 21st day of September, 1954, at which session the present Revision was enacted and approved by Governor Burton M. Cross and the Revised Statutes of 1944 and subsequent Public Acts, with certain exemptions, were repealed. This action of the Special Session became effective on the 31st day of December, 1954.

In preparing this Revision of the Statutes, the Joint Select Committee and the Director of Legislative Research agreed that no substantive changes should be made in the Public Laws. Any proposed changes of a substantive nature should be presented to the Legislature in regular session, between revisions of the statutes, to permit due and considerate legislative deliberations. Consequently, the Revision contains only mechanical changes, and matters involving policy or substantive changes will be introduced before future regular sessions of the Legislature.

An effort has been made to retain in this Revision the same arrangement of topical subjects, chapters and sections that were adopted for the 1944 Revision. It was felt that such a procedure would permit an orderly transition from the 1944 Revision to the present Revision.

This Revision contains all of the chapters and sections of the 1944 Revision and the Public Laws enacted at the regular legislative sessions of 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951 and 1953, and the special sessions of 1946 and 1950. Reference should be made to the Cross Reference Tables to ascertain where such laws may be found in this Revision.

Certain Public Acts and portions thereof have been exempted from the 1954 Revision. It is suggested that the Repealing Act, enacted by the Legislature in special session in September, 1954, and found elsewhere in this Revision, be consulted for these exemptions. The Repealing Act also shows the repeal of certain Private and Special Laws, and certain Resolves.

The same mechanical form has been used in arranging the 1954 Revision as was used in the 1944 Revision for uniform procedure and more accurate reference.

Sec. 1 means "section";

I. means "subsection";

A. means "paragraph";

1. means "subparagraph";

(a) means "division";

(1) means "subdivision".

The only departure in form from the 1944 Revision relates to the location of historical references. These are now placed in parentheses at the end of each section and, where necessary, at the end of subsections. Wherever a subsection ends a section, the historical references which relate to the subsection are in brackets and those that relate to the section are in parentheses.

The Joint Select Committee, consisting of Hon. James L. Reid, Chairman,

Hon. John F. Ward, Hon. Clifford E. McGlauffin, Hon. Waldo Burgess and Hon. Theophilus A. Fitanides, cooperated most fully with the Director in preparing and completing the Revision. Its constructive efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Director wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the fine aid obtained from the following in preparing and completing the 1954 Revision. Office staff of the Director of Legislative Research—Mrs. Bernice M. Lee, Mrs. Dorothy C. Berry, Mrs. Frances F. Pilsbury and Mrs. Burtina B. Cole; the State Printer, Mr. Douglas Jarvis; the State Law Librarian, Miss Edith Hary.

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Augusta, Maine.