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Publishers' Foreword

In accordance with a contract entered into with the State of Maine, The Michie Company has completely annotated and indexed the 1954 Revised Statutes of Maine. The statutory material was prepared by the Director of Legislative Research and transmitted to the publishers ready for printing. Cross references from statute to statute were, for the most part, prepared by the Director, and those from note to note, by the publishers.

The annotations in this publication are full and accurate, being the result of a comprehensive study of the reported cases by the publishers' editorial staff. They consist of direct constructions of the statutes and the Constitution of Maine and cover all cases through Volume 149 of the Maine Reports. No attempt was made to annotate the Constitution of the United States, but the citations carried in the 1944 Revised Statutes were simply brought up to date.

A table, prepared by the Director of Legislative Research, showing the disposition of the sections of the 1944 Revised Statutes, and of subsequent acts embodied in the statutes, will be found in Volume 5. This volume also contains a complete general index, which was prepared by the publishers' editorial staff, under the supervision of J. Stuart Fitzhugh, from the text of the statutes themselves, as they appear in this edition. Proof of this index was reviewed by Richard H. Armstrong of the Biddeford Bar. Included in the general index are indexes to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Maine. This is not a word index. The titles have been classified as nearly as possible as they are defined in the statutes, and cross references have been copiously used.

Each volume of the Revised Statutes is equipped with a pocket for supplemental upkeep service. By means of annual, cumulative supplements inserted in the pockets, the owners of this edition may be kept abreast of current legislation and constructions by the court. The publishers urge that the State take full advantage of this means of keeping the Revised Statutes current.

The publishers take this opportunity to express their appreciation to the Committee on Revision of Statutes for its cooperation in all matters relating to the publication of the 1954 Revised Statutes. And a very special vote of thanks is due Mr. Samuel H. Slosberg, the Director of Legislative Research, without whose unfailing cooperation and invaluable advice and assistance, the publishers' task would have been infinitely more difficult. Acknowledgment is also made to The Frank Shepard Company for the use of its Maine Citations in verifying the citations to unofficial reports.

This first annotated edition of the Revised Statutes is presented with the belief and hope that it will prove to be a material contribution to the orderly and efficient conduct of government and the impartial administration of justice throughout the State of Maine.

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