

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the **Secretary of State.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 81, amended.** The first sentence of section 81 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The Department of the Secretary of State, as heretofore established, shall consist of the Secretary of State, the State Archives, the Bureau of Watercraft Registration and Safety, the Snowmobile Licensing Bureau of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and such other state departments and agencies as are by law subject to the direction of the Secretary of State. The secretary shall keep his office at the seat of government; have the custody of the state seal and preserve all records in such office, at the expense of the State.

**Sec. 2. Organization.** The Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization, with the assistance of the secretary, shall prepare a plan of organization and reorganization of the department into such bureaus, divisions and sections as may be necessary to carry on efficiently the work of the department. The committee, with the assistance of the secretary, shall prepare legislation to be presented to a special session of the 105th Legislature to amend, repeal and rearrange statutes to reflect this department's powers, responsibilities and organization.

The secretary shall prepare a budget for the department in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 149.

The secretary and the Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization may recommend the legislation for the transfer from or to another state department such function as would appear to properly belong to the other department or to his department. The commissioner shall have no powers or duties except those listed in this section.

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.