

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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S. P. 560

In Senate, April 3, 1973

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Joint Standing Committees of the Legislature.

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

R. S., T. 3, c. 8, additional. Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 8 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 8**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**

§ 181. Term

The several joint standing committees of the Legislature shall continue to function from the date of their appointment until the convention of the next Legislature.

§ 182. Meetings

When the Legislature is not in session, any joint standing committee may be called into session, with the consent of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, at the initiative of the Senate chairman and the House chairman jointly or upon the request of a majority of the members of the committee.

§ 183. Studies

The joint standing committees are authorized to study those areas normally within their jurisdictions, to conduct public hearings at such times, places and in such manner as they deem appropriate to complete their studies, and to carry out other duties assigned to them by the Legislature.

**§ 184. Expenses**

If it is necessary for a joint standing committee to meet when the Legislature is not in session, the committee members shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses in service to the committee, with the exception of mileage which shall be paid at the same rate received by state employees.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the role of the Legislature by permitting the joint standing committees to meet when the Legislature is not in session.