

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 53

In Senate, January 8, 1975

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Bylines for Editorials in Maine Newspapers.**

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

17 MRSA, c. 50, is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 50**

**NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS**

§ 1361. Newspaper editorials

Editorials in all daily newspapers and in all weekly newspapers in this State distributed to the general public which are published regularly at least 52 times a year shall indicate by a byline the person or persons who have written such editorials.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this bill is that the writer of any public editorial be required to disclose his identity to the general public.