

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Legislative Document**

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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-FIVE**

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**AN ACT Concerning Publication and Public Inspection of Executive Orders.**

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

1 MRSA c. 13, sub-c. IV is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER IV  
EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

§ 521. Executive orders

1. Available to public. The Governor shall maintain in his office a file containing a copy of every executive order issued by him or by previous governors, which is currently in effect. This file shall be open to public inspection at reasonable hours.

2. Dissemination. A copy of every executive order shall be filed with the Legislative Council and with every county law library in this State within one week after the Governor has issued that order.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

Executive orders issued by the Governor often have important effects on the State Government and on the citizens of Maine. These orders, however, are frequently difficult to find after they have been in effect for some months, even though they remain effective. In addition, while these orders receive wide dissemination in Augusta, persons in other areas of the State frequently find it impossible to know which executive orders are currently in force. This bill requires the Office of the Governor to maintain a file of all executive orders currently in effect and requires a copy of every executive order to be filed with the Legislative Council and with every county law library in the State within 7 days after it has been issued.