

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 458**

S. P. 180

In Senate, January 28, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Shute of Waldo.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Providing Due Process when the State Liquor Commission Designates a Location for a State Liquor Store.**

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

28 MRSA § 151-A is enacted to read:

**§ 151-A. Prerequisites**

**1. Notice; hearing.** No store location, renewal or relocation may be designated by the commission until:

**A.** Notice of location and designation is published for at least 2 successive weeks in a newspaper published in the locality or, if none, in a major newspaper of general circulation serving the locality; and

**B.** After a public hearing is held by the commission in the locality or localities if relocation is proposed for a different locality.

**2. Findings.** The commission designation shall be in writing with supporting findings of fact.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require that before the State Liquor Commission designates a location for a state liquor store, it must give public notice of the proposed designation and hold a public hearing.