

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(EMERGENCY)

(New Draft of H.P. 18, L.D. 14)  
(New Title)

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 368

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

Reported by Representative Daggett from the Committee on Local and  
County Government and printed under Joint Rule 2.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Modify the Municipal and County  
Reports' Laws.

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Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, municipalities are required to publish  
and distribute annual reports prior to annual town  
meetings; and

Whereas, most town meetings are held during the  
month of March; and

Whereas, unless enacted as an emergency the  
cost-saving benefits of this bill will not be avail-

1 able to municipalities for their 1983 annual reports;  
2 and

3 Whereas, counties publish their annual reports at  
4 various times at the end of each calendar year; and

5 Whereas, the cost-saving benefits of this bill  
6 should be available to counties as soon as possible;  
7 and

8 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
9 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
10 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
11 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
12 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
13 therefore,

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

16 Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §411, sub-§1, as repealed and  
17 replaced by PL 1969, c. 278, is repealed.

18 Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §2225, sub-§1, as enacted by PL  
19 1973, c. 64, is repealed.

20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited  
21 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when  
22 approved.

23 STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This new draft repeals provisions of the law  
25 dealing with the size and type of paper on which  
26 annual municipal reports and annual county reports  
27 had to be prepared. With this restriction elimi-  
28 nated, less expensive options for printing these  
29 reports can be pursued.

30 The original bill repealed the paper requirement  
31 for municipal reports only. This new draft adds the  
32 repeal of the paper requirement for county reports.

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