

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 579

H.P. 433 House of Representatives, February 27, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative CARTER of Winslow.  
Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Augusta,  
Senators BLACK of Cumberland and GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Facilitate Mutual Aid Agreements  
Between Municipal Police Departments.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §2361, sub-§2, as amended by PL  
1975, c. 430, §73, is further amended to read:

2. Powers. Police officers shall be empowered to  
serve criminal and traffic infraction processes and  
to arrest and prosecute offenders of the law. Except  
for the purpose of retaking a prisoner whom he has  
arrested and who has escaped, or for the purpose of  
taking a person before the District Court, or for the  
purpose of executing a mittimus given to him by such  
court, or for the purpose of pursuing a person who  
has gone into another municipality and for whose ar-

1 rest a police officer has a warrant, or as provided  
2 for in section 2366, no police officer shall may have  
3 any authority in criminal or traffic infraction mat-  
4 ters beyond the limits of the municipality in which  
5 he is appointed. A police officer has all the statu-  
6 tory powers of a constable, except as limited by mu-  
7 nicipal ordinance.

8 Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §2366 is enacted to read:

9 §2366. Aid to other municipalities

10 Except as otherwise provided by municipal charter  
11 or ordinance, the municipal officers may authorize  
12 the chief of police or other designee to request oth-  
13 er municipalities to provide police officers to as-  
14 ist the requesting municipality. The municipal of-  
15 ficers may authorize the chief of police or other  
16 designee to provide police officers to assist other  
17 municipalities when so requested by a properly autho-  
18 rized chief of police or other designee of the re-  
19 questing municipality.

20 The police officers of the responding municipali-  
21 ty shall have the same authority as police officers  
22 within the limits of the requesting municipality, ex-  
23 cept as to the service of civil process and, when as-  
24 isting other municipalities, shall have the same  
25 privileges and immunities as when acting within their  
26 own municipality.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 The purpose of this bill is to permit mutual aid  
29 agreements between municipal police departments and  
30 to provide the same privileges and immunities for of-  
31 ficers under those agreements as the officers would  
32 have under their own municipalities.

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