

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H.P. 1045 House of Representatives, May 4, 1987  
Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to  
Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested  
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative PINES of Limestone.

Cosponsored by Representatives RICE of Stonington and  
HOGLUND of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Extend the Period for Filing Birth  
Records.**

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

6 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2761, first ¶ is amended to**  
7 **read:**

8 A certificate of each live birth which occurs in  
9 this State shall be filed with the clerk of the mu-  
10 nicipality in which such live birth occurred within 7  
11 14 days after the date of birth.

12 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2761, sub-§2 is amended to**  
13 **read:**

1 2. Date of birth. On each such certificate, the  
2 physician in attendance shall verify or provide the  
3 date of birth and medical information required within  
4 5 7 days after birth.

5 Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2761, sub-§5 is amended to  
6 read:

7 5. Certificate signed by father and mother. In  
8 every case, the father or mother of the child shall  
9 sign the certificate and shall attest to the accuracy  
10 of the personal data entered thereon in time to per-  
11 mit its filing within the 7 14 days prescribed. If  
12 father and mother are unable to sign, then no signa-  
13 ture need be required.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 Current law, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
16 22, section 2761, requires that medical information  
17 on birth certificates be completed within 5 days af-  
18 ter the birth and filed with appropriate municipal  
19 clerk within 7 days. Analysis of these data and con-  
20 siderations of the flow of records within hospitals  
21 suggests that better and more complete information  
22 could be obtained if the filing period were extended.

23 This bill extends the reporting period to require  
24 that the medical certification be completed by the  
25 certifier within 7 days after the birth and that the  
26 record be filed with the appropriate municipal clerk  
27 within 14 days after the birth.

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