

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 15, 2005

### An Act To Permit Recording Proceedings of the Legislature

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative TRAHAN of Waldoboro.  
Cosponsored by Representative McKANE of Newcastle and  
Representative: CEBRA of Naples.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§18**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 43,  
5 §2, is further amended to read:

6 **18. Out-of-state travel report.** To submit to the joint  
7 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
8 appropriations and financial affairs a quarterly report on  
9 out-of-state travel activity of the Legislature. The report must  
10 be submitted within 15 days after the end of each quarter and  
11 must include, for each individual who has been authorized to  
12 travel, the destination, purpose and cost by funding source of  
13 each trip; and

14 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§19**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 43,  
15 §3, is amended to read:

16 **19. Legislative information available through the**  
17 **Internet.** To make the following information available through  
18 the Internet: legislative documents, committee hearing  
19 schedules, work session schedules, status of legislation, voting  
20 records of Legislators, the laws of Maine, study reports and  
21 reports of other study groups established by the Legislature and  
22 any other information designated by the Legislative Council; and

23 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§20** is enacted to read:

24 **20. Recording of legislative proceedings.** To equip the  
25 chambers with cameras to make a visual and audio record of  
26 legislative sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives.  
27 The record, stored electronically, must be maintained by the Law  
28 and Legislative Reference Library and made available to the  
29 public.

30 **Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §170-B** is enacted to read:

31 **§170-B. Legislative Recording Fund**

32 The Legislative Recording Fund, referred to in this section  
33 as "the fund," is established for the purpose of providing  
34 funding for equipping the legislative chambers with cameras and  
35 recording equipment, making visual and audio records of  
36 legislative sessions and archiving such records in accordance  
37 with section 162, subsection 20. The Executive Director of the  
38 Legislative Council shall administer the fund.

39 The fund may receive money from any source, including  
40 grants, gifts, bequests and donations. Funds appropriated and  
41 money received for the benefit of the fund must be deposited to  
42 the fund.

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## SUMMARY

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6       This bill authorizes the Legislative Council to film  
legislative sessions and make the archival copies of the  
legislative proceedings available to the public. This bill also  
8 establishes a fund to be used to carry out the recording and  
archiving.