

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 244

House of Representatives, February 12, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence and 650 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**RESOLVE, Providing for the Revision of the Statutes.**

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**Commission created to provide revision. Resolved:** That a commission consisting of 2 members of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate and 3 members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house, be and is hereby created for the purpose of preparing and completing a revision of the general and public laws of the state, incorporating therein the public laws enacted by the 90th legislature; correcting the notes and annotations of sections to correspond with the final draft of the revision; preparing notes and references to new sections; adding references to all appropriate cases reported in the Maine reports; and to report a final draft of such revision in print. Said commission is hereby authorized in its discretion to omit chapter 84 of the present revised statutes entitled "The Insolvent Law" from the printed volumes of the new revision, but said chapter shall be printed by title only, with proper reference to former statutes and acts amendatory thereof, and the same shall be retained in full force and shall be excepted from the operation of the repealing act.

**Shall provide index. Resolved:** That the commission shall supplement the final draft herein provided for with a suitable, comprehensive index.

**May employ assistants. Resolved:** That for the purposes herein contemplated the commission is hereby authorized to employ such professional, expert and clerical assistants as they may find necessary.

**Provision for printing and binding of report. Resolved:** That the commission provide for the printing and binding of the report of the said commission, submitting the final draft of the revision of the public laws of the state, and for the printing and binding, as soon as may be after the enactment thereof, of 5,000 copies of the revised statutes of the state with the constitution thereof, the constitution of the United States, the repealing act, and the index prepared under the provisions of these resolves. Said revised statutes shall be bound in such style as to size of volumes, page, width of margin, printing, paper and binding as may be approved by the commission.

**Commission may contract for publication of revised statutes. Resolved:** That the commission may also contract with some responsible person or persons for the publication of the revised statutes of the state with the constitution thereof, the constitution of the United States, the repealing act and the index prepared under the provisions of these resolves, upon such terms and conditions as they deem necessary for the interests of the state; and in said contract the commission may fix the retail price at which the statutes so published shall be sold within the state.

**Secretary of state shall secure copyright. Resolved:** That the secretary of state shall secure the copyright of said volume or volumes for the use of the state and that the title to the annotations and the index contained in said volume be and remain the property of the state.

**Provision for auditing and paying for services and expenses. Resolved:** That the state auditor is hereby authorized to audit and cause payment to be made for the services and proper expenses of the commission, including compensation for such professional, expert and clerical assistants as may have been employed.

**Appropriation for carrying out provisions. Resolved:** That the sum of \$75,000 be and hereby is appropriated for carrying out the provisions of the foregoing resolves.

**Shall take effect when approved. Resolved:** That this resolve pertaining solely to facilitating the performance of the business of the legislature and of a committee thereof, shall take effect upon approval.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the period since the last revision of the statutes, various new departments of state have been created and the administrative activities of the state have been greatly expanded, all of which has resulted in a vast amount of new legislation, as well as the normal amount of amendments to existing statutes. The resultant confusion is detrimental to the proper discharge of their duties by public officials, as well as to the administration of justice.