

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1163**

S. P. 561

In Senate, April 18, 1941.

Reported by Senator Farris of Kennebec from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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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**Revision of statutes committee. Resolved:** That a joint select committee consisting of 3 members of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate and 7 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 statutes and 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 and proper cross reference tables showing where the sections and chapters of the 1930 revision and laws amendatory thereof appear in the new revision; adding references to all appropriate cases reported in the Maine reports; and to report a final draft of such revision in print. Said committee is hereby authorized in its discretion to omit chapter 84 of the present revised statutes entitled "The Insolvent Law" and chapter 38 of the revised statutes, being the fish and game laws, from the printed volumes of the new revision, but said chapters 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, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the committee shall supplement the final draft herein provided for with a suitable, comprehensive index, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the revisor of statutes is hereby directed to prepare a report on a revision of the statutes, consolidating all the general and public laws now in force and such as may be enacted at the present session of the legislature in language concise and intelligible and of the same intent, effect and construction, omitting from said report all such statutes and acts as have been repealed or superseded, and arranging the chapters and sections of the revision so that relative subject matter will be contiguous as far as possible, adding references to all decisions interpreting the statutes which appear in the Maine reports, correcting the notes, annotations and citations of all chapters and sections, and preparing notes and references for new sections; and in addition shall prepare a cross reference table showing where the sections and chapters of the 1930 revision and laws amendatory thereof appear in the new revision, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the revisor shall cause 200 copies of the said report and his report to be printed and bound in paper or board covers under the direction of the governor and council, and a copy thereof with the report of the revisor shall be delivered to each member of the legislative revision committee as soon as printed, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the said committee on revision is hereby authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary to expedite the completion of this revision and approve for payment the expense of the preliminary printing and such extra expenses as may be incurred by said revisor in preparing the reported revision, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the governor and council provide for the printing and binding of the report of the said committee, 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 5,500 copies of the revised statutes of the state with the constitution thereof, the constitution of the United States, the repealing act, the cross reference tables, and the index prepared under the provisions of this resolve. 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 governor and council, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the governor and council 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 this resolve, upon such terms and conditions as they deem necessary for the interests of the state; and in said contract the governor and council may fix the retail price at which the statutes so published shall be sold, and the revenue from said sales shall be deposited to the credit of the general funds of the state of Maine, and be it further

**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, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the state controller is hereby authorized to audit and cause payment to be made for the services and proper expenses of the committee, including compensation for such professional, expert and clerical assistants as may have been employed, and be it further

**Resolved:** That the sum of \$70,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated for carrying out the provisions of the foregoing resolves, and the unexpended balance at the close of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and not lapse until all conditions of this resolve are fully met, and be it further

**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.