

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Malenfant of Lewiston.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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### AN ACT to Open Meetings of Government of City of Lewiston.

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

P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XVI, § 13, amended. Section 13 of Article XVI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by section 29 of chapter 86 of the private and special laws of 1943, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 13. Meetings open to public; records. The city council, the board of finance, and the several departmental boards and commissions shall ~~hold a regular monthly meeting which meet regularly at least once a month, and all meetings shall be held in the city building, and~~ shall be open to the public ~~and~~, at which any citizen of the city shall have reasonable opportunity to be heard in regard to any matter being considered thereat. The addition of any new service or the discontinuance of any established service may be authorized only at ~~such~~ a regular meeting. All their records shall at all reasonable times be open to the public, ~~except records and documents the disclosure of which would tend to defeat the lawful purpose which they are intended to accomplish, and except such records as are required by state law to be kept confidential.~~ The minutes of all meetings of all boards and commissions containing complete records of all actions taken at the meetings shall be available to the public at the office of the city clerk within 48 hours after said meetings.'