

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1113**

S. P. 406

In Senate, February 25, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Greeley of Waldo.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Repealing the Legislative Research Committee.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 9, §§ 23-26, repealed.** Sections 23 to 26, inclusive, of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 392 of the public laws of 1947, and as amended, are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 10, additional.** The revised statutes, as amended, are hereby further amended by adding thereto a new chapter to be numbered 10, to read as follows :

**'CHAPTER 10.**

**REVISOR OF STATUTES.**

**Sec. 1. Appointment and term of revisor of statutes.** The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a revisor of statutes who shall be a suitable person experienced in statutory revision and who shall serve for a period of 6 years, and thereafter until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

Sec. 2. Duties. The duties of the revisor of statutes shall be:

I. During each session of the legislature, to draft public laws at the request of members of the legislature provided the request for such drafting be made during the period expiring at least 1 week before the time set as a limit for the reception of public legislation, and to revise all legislation so far as may be practicable so that it shall be in conformity with and may be properly inserted in the revised statutes, under the direction of the senate and house of representatives;

II. Immediately after each session of the legislature to distinguish private and special laws from the public laws, and to cause cumulative tables to be prepared showing what general statutes have been affected by subsequent legislation in such manner as to furnish read reference to all such changes in the statutes and in addition thereto shall make a complete index of the public laws of the state passed since the last revision of the statutes. The tables and index so prepared shall be printed in the official edition of the laws of the state;

III. After each session of the legislature, to cause the public laws enacted thereat to be printed on good paper and in suitable type and to distribute the same within the state to all citizens thereof making a request therefor;

IV. After each session of the legislature to prepare a report inserting in their proper places in the revised statutes public laws enacted since the last revision of the statutes and to file this report with the secretary of state, and after each subsequent session of the legislature to prepare and file a report supplementing the report theretofore so filed so that such reports and supplements thereto shall form the basis of the next revision of the statutes;

V. After each session of the legislature to prepare a report to the legislature recommending legislation that will keep the statutes continuously revised and to file this report with the secretary of the senate on or before January 1st immediately preceding each biennial session of the legislature;

VI. To perform the duties previously required to be performed by the secretary of state as provided in the resolves of the legislature approved June 28, 1820, March 18, 1840, and March 16, 1842;

VII. To perform such other duties of a legal nature or connected with the revision of statutes as the governor or the legislature, or either branch thereof may direct.

Sec. 3. Salary; employees. The revisor of statutes shall receive such annual salary as shall be set by the governor and council. He may employ such assistants and employees as may be necessary, subject to the provisions of the personnel law.'