

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
AS PASSED BY THE  
Ninety-first and Ninety-second  
Legislatures  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-second Legislature

**1945**

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'Sec. 16. Governor and council to authorize audit of state's books. Whenever it seems advisable to the governor and council, they may cause the books and accounts of the state or any department or agency thereof to be audited, and for that purpose may employ auditors other than those employed by the state department of audit. In any event, the governor and council shall cause an audit of the books of the state to be made at least once in every 4 years by auditors other than those employed by the state department of audit.'

Effective July 21, 1945

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## Chapter 348

### AN ACT Relating to Filling Congressional Vacancies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 72, repealed and replaced. Section 72 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

'Sec. 72. Election to fill United States senate vacancy; temporary appointments. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the representation of the state in the senate of the United States, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term at the following biennial state election, provided such vacancy occurs not less than 60 days prior to the date of the primaries for nominating candidates to be voted for at such election; otherwise at the biennial state election next following. Pending such election, the governor with the advice and consent of the council shall make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy, and the person so appointed shall serve until the election and qualification of the person duly elected to fill such vacancy.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 5, § 72-A, additional. Chapter 5 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 72-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 72-A. Election to fill vacancy in national house of representatives. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the representation of the state in the national house of representatives, the governor, in any manner having knowledge thereof, shall issue his proclamation for an election to fill the same. If congress is in session when such vacancy occurs, the proclamation shall issue forthwith; otherwise, in season to secure representation at the next called or regular session of congress.'

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