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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PREFACE

The changes in the session laws passed by the 97th Legislature are indicated in the following manner :

- I. In deleting certain words from a law, unless the words are repealed by express language, the words are printed with lines drawn through them.
- II. In adding new words, the new words are printed in boldface type (boldface type 10 point).
- III. In repealing and replacing a section or sections, the new section or sections are printed in boldface type (boldface type 10 point).

The table of contents at the beginning of this volume shows the location of the various laws, tables and indexes. State papers, such as addresses, memorials, selected proclamations of the Governor and gifts of Ex-Governor Baxter to the State are not indexed but may be located by reference to the table of contents.

The laws passed at the special session of the 96th Legislature are printed at the front of this volume and are indexed in the cumulative index.

A cross reference table will be found toward the end of the volume showing the unallocated public laws, the public laws exempted in previous revisions and the sections of the revised statutes of 1954 which have been affected by laws passed at the 97th Legislature. All public laws passed by the 97th Legislature have been allocated and it is hoped that this procedure may be continued in the future to prevent confusion.

A new codified index, based on the index for the 1954 Revised Statutes, has been prepared with the hope that it will prove to be more satisfactory.

One new feature added in the session laws of 1945 has been retained. At the top of each page there is indicated whether the law is public, private and special or a resolve and the session year during which the law was passed. It is hoped thereby that all information concerning any law may be found on the pages on which the law is printed.

The biennial revisions of the inland fish and game laws and the sea and shore fisheries laws are not printed in this volume. Such biennial revisions may be obtained from the respective departments.

The acts and resolves passed by the 97th Legislature in regular session became effective August 20, 1955, except those laws which were passed as emergencies and became effective when approved by the Governor and those laws which state the date upon which they become effective. The effective date of each law is noted throughout this volume.

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