

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

January 5, 1977 to July 25, 1977

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PORTLAND, MAINE  
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2. **Actions prohibited.** It is unlawful to set, raise, haul or transfer any lobster or crab trap unless the trap is equipped with an escape vent as required in this section.

**Sec. 2. Effective date and termination.** This Act shall become effective on January 1, 1979 and shall continue in effect until December 31, 1980.

**Sec. 3. Department research.** During 1977 the Department of Marine Resources shall undertake to research the potential effect of this Act on the lobster fishery. Included in such research shall be "double-parlor" experiments to determine the size and number of lobsters that may escape through the required vents.

Effective January 1, 1979

## CHAPTER 386

**AN ACT to Establish Withdrawal Dates for Candidates and Nominees.**

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

21 MRSA § 1476 is enacted to read:

§ 1476. **Withdrawal of candidates or nominees**

1. **Federal or gubernatorial office.** If a candidate or nominee for a federal or gubernatorial office withdraws after 40 days prior to any election, the Secretary of State shall not be required to produce new ballots.

2. **State Senator or county office.** If a candidate or nominee for State Senator or county office withdraws after 20 days prior to any election, the Secretary of State shall not be required to produce new ballots.

3. **Representative to Legislature.** If a candidate or nominee for Representative to the Legislature withdraws after 10 days prior to any election, the Secretary of State shall not be required to produce new ballots.

4. **Last day for withdrawal.** Immediately after the last day for withdrawal, the Secretary of State shall list all names to be placed on the ballot for any election.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 387

**AN ACT to Remove Weight Restriction on Black Bass  
During a Sanctioned Bass Tournament.**