

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## P R E F A C E

The "Laws of Maine" is compiled and published pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 164, subsection 6, and is the official edition of the legislative session laws of this State.

In arranging this publication of the session laws, the following features have been included.

1. This two-volume publication includes those Acts passed at the first regular session of the 109th Legislature which convened January 3, 1979, and adjourned sine die on June 15, 1979. The compilation also includes all Acts enacted at the first special session of the 109th Legislature held on October 4th and 5th, 1979 and all laws enacted at the second special session of that Legislature held on October 10th and 11th, 1979.

2. A table of contents is located at the beginning of the first volume which serves as a general index to the various divisions of the publication. All state papers, together with messages, addresses and proclamations of the Governor, may be located by reference to page number in the table of contents.

3. At the top of each page of a chaptered law is located the individual classification of the law, its year of passage and its chapter number.

4. Words deleted from the law, unless repealed by express language, are denoted by strike-throughs.

5. New words or sections are denoted by bold face type.

6. The consolidated text of the apportionment of the House of Representatives, as ordered by the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine and as amended by the Legislature, has been included in the second volume.

7. An individual subject index of session enactments is located near the end of the second volume and is arranged alphabetically by subject heading and chapter number to show changes made at the first regular session.

8. Also near the end of the second volume, a session cross reference table is provided to show how unallocated public laws, public laws exempted in previous revisions and Titles and sections of the Revised Statutes of 1964 have been affected by the laws included in this publication.

9. Beginning with this publication, citations to a legislative document are provided beneath the chapter number to assist in locating the original source of each chapter.

The session laws of the first regular session and the first and second special sessions have been published in a set of two volumes for ease of handling. The session laws of the second regular session and any special session that may follow it will be published in a third volume and will become part of this set at the close of the biennium.

The Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16 provides effective dates for Maine laws as follows:

“No Act or joint resolution of the Legislature, except such orders or resolutions as pertain solely to facilitating the performance of the business of the Legislature, of either branch, or of any committee or officer thereof, or appropriate money therefor or for the payment of salaries fixed by law, shall take effect until ninety days after the recess of the session of the Legislature in which it was passed, unless in case of emergency, (which with the facts constituting the emergency shall be expressed in the preamble of the Act), the Legislature shall, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each House, otherwise direct. An emergency bill shall include only such measures as are immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety; and shall not include (1) an infringement of the right of home rule for municipalities, (2) a franchise or a license to a corporation or an individual to extend longer than one year, or (3) provision for the sale or purchase or renting for more than five years of real estate.”

The effective date of nonemergency laws passed at the first regular session of the 109th Legislature, unless expressly provided otherwise therein, is September 14, 1979. All laws that passed at the first and second special sessions were enacted as emergency legislation.

Individual compilations of departmental laws are not included in these volumes, but may be available upon request from the respective departments.

This compilation has been prepared and arranged for the user's convenience and any comments or suggestions which may lead to the improvement of the publication are welcomed.

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