

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

AT THE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

January 2, 1980 to April 3, 1980

AND AT THE

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

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THE EFFECTIVE DATE
OF
THE LAWS OF MAINE

Article IV, Part Third, Section 16, of the Constitution of Maine provides:

“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 One Hundred and Ninth Legislature, Second Regular Session, convened January 2, 1980 and adjourned April 3, 1980. The effective date of nonemergency laws of the Second Regular Session was July 3, 1980, except otherwise specified.

The One Hundred and Ninth Legislature, Third Special Session, convened May 22, 1980 for a one-day session. All laws passed at the Third Special Session were enacted as emergency legislation and became effective upon the date of signing by the Governor.