

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**  
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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AND

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December 9, 1981

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J.S. McCarthy Co.  
Augusta, Maine  
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**PUBLIC LAWS**  
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## CHAPTER 686

H.P. 1960 - L.D. 1933

AN ACT to Amend Laws Relating to the  
Maine Development Foundation and Economic  
Development.

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §917, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1981, c. 512, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place.

6. Climate for economic development. Promotion of an improved climate for economic development in the State through judicious use of the public and private nature of the foundation to provide objective analysis and develop broad consensus on issues of significance to the economic health of the State; provided that the promotion does not require the foundation to register as a lobbyist employer pursuant to Title 3, chapter 15; and further provided that the foundation does not advocate to the general public a position on a question as defined in Title 21, section 1, subsection 30.

Sec. 2. Study. The joint standing committee having jurisdiction over taxation shall prepare and submit to the Legislature, not later than December 31, 1983, an evaluation report on the Maine Capital Corporation and any tax legislation that relates directly to it. At a minimum, the evaluation shall include the following:

1. A description and evaluation of the extent to which the statutory purposes of the Maine Capital Corporation and related tax legislation were achieved; and

2. Recommendations as to whether the Maine Capital Corporation and related tax legislation ought to be terminated, modified or continued, together with any legislation necessary to accomplish the recommendations.

The inquiry of the committee shall include, but need not be limited to, the following authorities:

1. The Maine Capital Corporation, Title 10, chapter 108; and

2. Tax legislation relating to the Maine Capital Corporation, Title 36, sections 5206 and 5216.

The Maine Capital Corporation, the Department of Finance and Administration and any other state department or agency shall cooperate to the extent requested by the committee.

Effective July 13, 1982.

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## CHAPTER 687

H.P. 2069 - L.D. 2010

### AN ACT to Clarify the Effect of an Attorney's Opinion on the Procedures for Initiating Amendments to Municipal Charters.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the ability of citizens to petition for consideration of amendments or revisions to municipal charters is an important right; and

Whereas, this right has been hindered and thwarted in the past due to confusion over whether a petition is seeking a charter amendment or revision; and

Whereas, confusion has also existed about the ability to remove certain elected municipal officials from office prior to the expiration of their terms; and

Whereas, it is important to clarify these rights of Maine citizens; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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