

# 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 AT THE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
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## P R E F A C E

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

To aid in the use of this publication of the Session Laws, the following features have been incorporated.

1. This volume includes those Acts passed at the First Regular Session of the 110th Legislature which convened December 3, 1980, and adjourned sine die on June 19, 1981. Also included are all Acts passed at the First Special Session of the 110th Legislature held on August 3, 1981.

2. A table of contents which is designed to assist the user to locate the contents by page reference to major divisions can be found at the beginning of the volume. Selected state papers, together with messages, addresses and proclamations of the Governor, may be located by reference to page number within the table of contents.

3. At the top of each page is a running heading which indicates the individual classification of each 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 Words deleted from the law, unless repealed by express language, are denoted by strike-throughs.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. An individual subject index of session enactments is located near the end of this volume and is arranged alphabetically by subject heading and chapter number to show changes made at the first regular session.

7. Also near the end of the 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.

8. 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 special session have been published in this volume. The session laws of the second regular session and any special session that may follow it will be published in a second volume that will become part of this set as soon as possible following 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 110th Legislature, unless expressly provided otherwise, is September 18, 1981. All laws that passed at the first special session become effective on November 2, 1981, except as otherwise specified.

Individual revisions of departmental laws are not included in the “Laws of Maine” but may be available upon request from the respective departments.

This volume 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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