

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

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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:

29 MRSA §2708, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 469, §2, is amended to read:

§2708. Indemnity bonds

The Secretary of State shall not register any motor vehicle required to obtain an operating permit subject to this chapter and the bureau shall not issue a permit covering the operation of any such motor vehicle or vehicles until the applicant for that permit has procured a good and sufficient insurance policy or indemnity bond, in such amount as the bureau prescribes, having as surety thereon, a surety company authorized to transact business in this State or 2 responsible individuals, which bond shall be approved by the bureau. The insurance policy or bond shall adequately provide for cargo insurance and for the collection of damages for which the holder of a permit may be liable by reason of the operation of any motor vehicle or vehicles subject to the operation of this chapter. Notwithstanding this section, any person, firm or corporation transporting logs or pulpwood, transporting freight between points within this State and points without this State, or between points without the State but passing through this State is not required to provide cargo insurance. This section does not apply to motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of passengers.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 27, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 169

H.P. 309 - L.D. 368

AN ACT to Allow Voter Registration and  
Party Enrollment on the Same Form.

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

Sec. 1. 21 MRSA §102-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §65, is further amended to read:

1. Application. In addition to the procedure provided by section 102, a person may register to vote and enroll in a political party by completing an application which shall be designed by the Secretary of State, containing the following information:

A. First name, middle name or initial, and surname, or first name or initial and middle name, and surname;

B. Legal address, including street, street number, apartment number, town, county and zip code;

C. Mailing address;

D. Date of birth;

E. Sex;

F. Most recent prior residence where registered to vote, to include name under which registered, if changed, legal address and mailing address;

G. Whether a citizen by birth or naturalization: If by naturalization, the date, place and court of naturalization;

H. Notification that failure to complete the entire application may prevent registration;

I. Certification that all information is correct, sworn before a notary public;

J. Date of registration; and

K. Signature of applicant; and

L. Choice of political party.

Sec. 2. 21 MRSA §102-A, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 131, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 21 MRSA §102-A, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 131, §2, is amended to read:

5. Enrollment. An individual may register and enroll in a political party at the same time and on the same form.

Sec. 4. 21 MRSA §103-A, as reallocated by PL 1977, c. 696, §176, is amended to read:

§103-A. Overseas registration

1. Application. A person qualified to register as provided in section 241, subsections 1 to 3, who is outside the United States may register and enroll in a political party by filing an application designed by the Secretary of State and provided by the registrar, containing the following information:

- A. First name, middle name or initial and last name, or first name or initial, middle name and last name;
- B. Legal address, including street, street number, apartment number, town, county and zip code;
- C. Mailing address;
- D. Date of birth;
- E. Last domicile immediately prior to departure from the United States;
- F. Voting precinct or election district of such last domicile within the United States;
- G. Whether a citizen by birth or naturalization; if by naturalization, the date, place and court of naturalization;
- H. Notification that failure to complete the entire application may prevent registration;
- I. Passport or card of identity registration number;
- J. Signature;
- K. Certification that all information is correct, sworn before a diplomatic or consular official of the United States or before the master of a United States vessel of 1,000 tons or more;
- L. Date of application; and
- M. Date of registration; and
- N. Choice of political party.

Sec. 5. 21 MRSA §131, first ¶ is amended to read:

As seen as When a person has registered registers, the registrar shall ask him whether he wishes to enroll. If his answer is in the affirmative, the registrar shall provide him with an enrollment cause the person to complete the enrollment portion of the application.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 170

H.P. 311 - L.D. 370

AN ACT Relating to the Posting of  
Performance Bonds for Rezoning.

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

30 MRSA §4962, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 455, §2, is amended to read:

G. When Any zoning ordinance may provide that when a person petitions for rezoning of an area for the purpose of development in accordance with an architect's plan, the area shall not be rezoned unless the petitioner posts a performance bond equal to at least 25% of the estimated cost of the development. Said The bond shall become payable to the municipality, if the petitioner fails to begin construction in a substantial manner and in accordance with the plan within one year of the effective date of the rezoning.

Effective September 23, 1983.

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## CHAPTER 171

H.P. 681 - L.D. 837

AN ACT to Improve the Operation of the  
Maine Real Estate Commission.

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1151, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1981, c. 698, §5, is further amended to read: