

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
1986

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The county commissioners shall hold a public hearing in the county on these estimates prior to December 1st. Written notice and a summary of the county estimates shall be sent to the municipal officers. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 10 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the estimates shall be sent by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or delivered by hand in person, with proof received of the delivery, to the clerk of each municipality in the county and to each member of the Legislature from the county at least 10 days prior to the hearing. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers of the receipt of the estimates.

Effective September 19, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 46

S.P. 164 - L.D. 433

AN ACT Amending the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Act to Provide for Newly Recognized or Certified Bargaining Agent to Bargain Fiscal Matters within 120 Days of Conclusion of Current Fiscal Operating Budget.

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

26 MRSA §965, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c. 137, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Negotiations. It shall be the obligation of the public employer and the bargaining agent to bargain collectively. "Collective bargaining" means, for the purposes of this chapter, their mutual obligation:

A. To meet at reasonable times;

B. To meet within 10 days after receipt of written notice from the other party requesting a meeting for collective bargaining purposes, provided the parties have not otherwise agreed in a prior written contract;

C. To confer and negotiate in good faith with respect to wages, hours, working conditions and contract grievance arbitration, except that by such obligation neither party shall be compelled to agree to a proposal or be required to make a concession and except that public employers of teachers shall meet and consult but not negotiate with respect to educational policies; for the purpose of this paragraph, educational policies shall not include wages, hours, working conditions or contract grievance arbitration;

D. To execute in writing any agreements arrived at, the term of any such ~~such~~ agreement to be subject to negotiation but shall not exceed 3 years; and

E. To participate in good faith in the mediation, fact-finding and arbitration procedures required by this section.

Whenever wages, rates of pay or any other matter requiring appropriation of money by any municipality or county are included as a matter of collective bargaining conducted pursuant to this chapter, it is the obligation of the bargaining agent to serve written notice of request for collective bargaining on the public employer at least 120 days before the conclusion of the current fiscal operating budget, except that this requirement is waived in the event that a bargaining agent of a newly formed bargaining unit is recognized or certified during the period not more than 120 days nor less than 30 days prior to the end of the fiscal period.

Effective September 19, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 47

H.P. 701 - L.D. 959

AN ACT Concerning Dogs Running-at-Large.

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

7 MRSA §3455, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, §76, is further amended to read: