

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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J.S. McCarthy Co., Inc.  
Augusta, Maine  
1985

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

AS PASSED AT THE  
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vocational-technical institutes for the purpose of providing flexibility in personnel employment and management decisions; and

3. Other administrative authority and functions, including staffing, relating to the vocational-technical institutes.

The Governor shall review and approve or revise the recommended legislation and submit it to the Legislature no later than February 1, 1986.

Sec. 23. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1985-86

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL  
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Board of Trustees of the  
Maine Vocational-technical  
Institutes

All Other

\$10,000

Provides funds  
for the expenses  
of the Board of  
Trustees of the  
Maine  
Vocational-technical  
Institutes.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1986, except that the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12553, and sections 22 and 23 of the bill shall become effective when approved.

Effective July 1, 1986, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 498**

H.P. 263 - L.D. 317

**AN ACT to Control Acid Rain.**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRS §603-B is enacted to read:

§603-B. Acid deposition control

1. Legislative findings and intent. The Legislature finds that acid deposition, commonly referred to as "acid rain," resulting from commercial, industrial or other emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, is occurring in the State. The Legislature also finds that acid deposition poses a present and severe threat to the State's natural resources, including its fish and wildlife, agriculture and water resources, as well as to the State's economy and public health. Increasing evidence suggests that acid deposition also affects the State's economy by reducing the growth productivity of the State's forest resources.

2. Nitrogen oxides emission inventory. The department shall prepare an inventory of both current and potential nitrogen oxide emission sources in the State. The department shall also evaluate the contribution of nitrogen oxide emissions to acid deposition and other air pollution problems in the State. The inventory and evaluation shall be completed and submitted to the Legislature by January 31, 1987.

3. Acid rain impact study. The department shall complete a study covering the following areas:

A. A resampling and measuring of the response of the State's lakes located in sensitive geologic areas;

B. An identification of sensitive receptor areas throughout the State based on, but not limited to, the following criteria: Geology; elevation; lake size; watershed area; and aquatic and terrestrial flora;

C. An assessment of the impact of acid deposition on the growth and productivity of the State's forest resources; and

D. A determination through long-range modeling techniques of the contribution of both in-state sources and out-of-state sources to acid rain deposition in the State.

In preparing this study, the department shall coordinate with and utilize as fully as possible the research being conducted at the University of Maine at Orono and research conducted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency regarding the acid rain problem. Results of this study shall be reported to the Legislature, together with recommendations for further actions, no later than January 31, 1987.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

|  | <u>1985-86</u> | <u>1986-87</u>    |
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| <u>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,</u><br><u>DEPARTMENT OF</u> |                |                   |
| Positions  | (2)            | (2)               |
| Personal Services  | \$23,447       | \$45,478          |
| All Other  | 24,330         | 29,995            |
| Capital Expenditures                                     | <u>5,000</u>   | <u>          </u> |
| TOTAL  | \$52,777       | \$75,473          |

Effective September 19, 1985.

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## CHAPTER 499

S.P. 269 - L.D. 727

AN ACT to Appropriate Funds to the State  
Library for Support of the Information  
Exchange.

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

27 MRSA §2, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, §185, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Exchanges. For the purpose of carrying out this section, the State Librarian shall be empowered to provide the following:

A. Conduct a system of exchanges with other libraries and institutions of learning; and

B. Provide a service which will collect state and national educational research and resources to be made available to all State educators and citizens.

Effective September 19, 1985.

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