

# 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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AND AT THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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

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**RESOLVES**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED AT THE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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**CHAPTER 84**

S.P. 949 - L.D. 2376

Resolve, to Compensate John P. Taylor of Augusta as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor, also of Augusta.

John P. Taylor as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor; compensated by the State of Maine. Resolved: The Governor of the State of Maine is authorized and directed, upon receipt of necessary releases: (1) To pay \$25,000, from funds currently appropriated to the Risk Management Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, to John P. Taylor of Augusta as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor, as compensation for the death of Sharon Taylor; and (2) To allocate an additional \$50,000 from the same funds to purchase an annuity for the benefit of John P. Taylor as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor, as further compensation for the death of Sharon Taylor. This annuity must pay, over a term of years, an additional sum of \$175,000 to John P. Taylor as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor or his assignee. Total compensation authorized by this resolve is \$200,000, which is in full satisfaction of any and all claims by the Estate of Sharon Taylor against the State and its employees for the death of Sharon Taylor.

Effective July 16, 1986.

**CHAPTER 85**

S.P. 813 - L.D. 2045

Resolve, Creating a Maine Commission to Commemorate the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

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

Whereas, the bicentennial of the signing of the United States Constitution will occur on September 17, 1987; and

Whereas, the United States Constitution is the foundation of our system of national and state government; and

Whereas, the public interest is served by encouraging public awareness of our constitutional form of government through educational and scholarly activities throughout our State; and

Whereas, the bicentennial of the United States Constitution will be celebrated throughout the United States; and

Whereas, it is particularly appropriate that the State, which as the District of Maine, was a part of one of the original 13 states, should officially recognize its rich historical tradition and should cooperate with the present Commonwealth of Massachusetts in celebrating the part that Massachusetts played in the writing and adoption of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, matching grants and funds may be available to the State for the purpose of encouraging public observance of the bicentennial upon the timely establishment of a commission; 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

**Commission established. Resolved:** That there shall be established a commission to commemorate the bicentennial of the United States Constitution. The commission shall consist of 7 members appointed as follows: Two by the Governor; 2 by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court; one by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one by the President of the Senate; and a chairman appointed jointly by the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate. The members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12002-A, subsection 1. The commission shall advise the Office of the Bicentennial of the Constitution as set out in this resolve; and be it further

Office of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Resolved: That there shall be an Office of the Bicentennial of the Constitution, referred to in this resolve as "the office," within the Administrative Office of the Courts. The office shall continue in existence through December 31, 1987. The Administrative Office of the Courts may furnish clerical and other support services to the office; and be it further

Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall prepare a project plan designed to interest and educate the public regarding our constitutional form of government and coordinate with schools, scholars, public service organizations, representatives of the media, the judiciary, the Legislature and the Governor's office to see that both local and statewide activities are planned and undertaken. The commission is authorized to receive funds from any source, governmental or private, and to disburse the same for the purpose of carrying out its functions and in aiding other governmental and nonprofit organizations to commemorate the bicentennial of the United States Constitution. The commission is also authorized to cooperate as it deems appropriate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any appropriate governmental or nonprofit organization in that state in promoting the celebration of the bicentennial of the United States Constitution; and be it further

Report to Legislature. Resolved: That the commission, by January 30, 1988, shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over State Government with respect to its income of the office from all sources and detailed expenditures of the office during the life of the office; and be it further

Appropriation. Resolved: That the sum of \$25,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of the office. These funds shall not lapse on June 30, 1986, but shall carry forward until the purposes of the office have been achieved.

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