

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**October 9, 1987 to October 10, 1987**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

**October 21, 1987 to November 20, 1987**

**and the**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**January 6, 1988 to May 5, 1988**

**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Twin City Printery**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**1988**

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**PUBLIC LAWS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED AT THE  
FIRST AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS  
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
1987

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## A. February 1, 1992; or

**Sec. 5. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1987-88	1988-89
<u>LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
Job Training Partnership Program		
Personal Services	\$ 13,000	\$ 52,000
All Other	287,000	123,000
Total	\$300,000	\$175,000
Provides funds to meet additional job training demands.		

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

Effective February 10, 1988.

## CHAPTER 571

H.P. 1425 — L.D. 1936

**AN ACT to Extend the Sunset Review Period for Rate Regulation Reform for Certain Electric Utilities.**

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

35-A MRSA §3505, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

§3505. Sunset provision

This section and sections 3501 to 3504 are repealed on ~~June 30, 1989~~ October 1, 1992, pending review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and unless continued by legislative Act.

Effective August 4, 1988.

## CHAPTER 572

H.P. 1530 — L.D. 2084

**AN ACT Concerning Elected Clerks Handling Absentee Ballots.**

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

Whereas, preparations for the absentee balloting process are already underway to allow for the timely

printing and delivery of these ballots in advance of when they are needed for municipal elections this spring; and

Whereas, under Public Law 1987, chapter 364, which was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 113th Legislature, municipal clerks who are also candidates who will be elected by written ballot subject themselves to Class D criminal penalties if they in any way "handle" absentee ballots; and

Whereas, this new law is severely hampering elected clerks' ability to conduct their traditional and necessary supervision of the absentee balloting process; and

Whereas, this law must, at the earliest possible opportunity, be repealed for those clerks who are candidates for their office in uncontested elections to ensure that they may perform their official duties this spring; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

21-A MRSA §791, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 364, is amended to read:

B. Notwithstanding this subchapter, a candidate who delivers, receives, accepts, notarizes or witnesses an absentee ballot, other than his own absentee ballot, furnished by the clerk of a municipality in this State. This paragraph does not apply to an elected municipal clerk who is a candidate for the office of municipal clerk in an election where no other name for the office of clerk appears on the ballot. In a contested election for the office of clerk, a clerk shall not be exempted from the provisions of this paragraph, but shall instead appoint a deputy or an assistant to whom the municipality shall pay all associated costs for the duration of the deputy's or assistant's temporary employment in that capacity; or

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

Effective February 12, 1988.

## CHAPTER 573

S.P. 839 — L.D. 2176

**AN ACT to Clarify the Laws Relating to Notaries Public.**

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