

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**January 5, 1994 to April 14, 1994**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JULY 14, 1994**

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

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1993**

**Sec. 4. Meetings. Resolved:** That the commission may meet as often as necessary; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Staffing. Resolved:** That, if funding permits, the commission may employ staff as needed and may contract for administrative, professional, legislative drafting and clerical services; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Funding. Resolved:** That the commission may seek, accept and expend outside sources of funding to carry out the commission's activities. The Maine Human Rights Commission shall administer any outside funds acquired for the purposes of this resolve. Funds may not be appropriated from the General Fund for the purposes of this resolve; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall present its findings and any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over judiciary matters, the Chair of the Legislative Council and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by February 1, 1995; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the commission may determine whether expenses may be paid to members from funds accepted by the commission; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1994-95

**MAINE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

**Persons with Disabilities Access Commission**

All Other	\$10,000
Provides funds to the Persons with Disabilities Access Commission for contracted staff and for miscellaneous commission expenses.	

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

Effective April 15, 1994.

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**CHAPTER 74**

S.P. 715 - L.D. 1930

**Resolve, to Create the Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger and Food Security**

**Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger and Food Security, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Members. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 15 members as follows: one Senator from the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, appointed by the President of the Senate; 3 Representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; one representative of the Department of Human Services, appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services; 10 representatives of the general public, including representatives of business, labor, religion, private nonprofit charitable organizations, low-income organizations, agriculture and antihunger organizations, 4 of whom are appointed by the Governor, 3 by the President of the Senate and 3 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Organizational meeting. Resolved:** That the commission shall hold an organizational meeting, called by the Chair of the Legislative Council, within 30 days of the effective date of this resolve and shall elect from among the members a chair and a vice-chair for the commission; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall hold hearings on hunger and food security, which, for the purposes of this resolve, means access through normal channels to nutrition sufficient for daily life and work, and develop a plan for relieving hunger and ensuring food security for people in the State. The commission shall inquire into the experience of hunger in this State and investigate changes in policies and programs that will enable all citizens of this State to attain food security and to move toward self-reliance. This inquiry must include, but is not limited to, consideration of the reform of public welfare and the role of public and private efforts in achieving food security; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the State Planning Office and the Department of Human Services shall provide research, clerical and computer assistance to the commission; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Reimbursement; mileage. Resolved:** That the members of the commission are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses or legislative per diem except that legislative members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by November 1, 1995; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Funding. Resolved:** That the commission may seek outside sources of funding; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1994-95

**LEGISLATURE**

**Blue Ribbon Commission on  
Hunger and Food Security**

All Other \$7,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 75**

S.P. 773 - L.D. 1996

**Resolve, to Establish a Commission  
on the Future of Maine's  
Paper Industry**

**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 paper industry has served as a mainstay of the State's economy for over 100 years, directly or indirectly providing vital employment to thousands of families in the State; and

**Whereas,** the health of the paper industry nationally is in doubt and recent production declines within the State have brought into question the industry's long-term ability to remain a major part of the State's economy; and

**Whereas,** these developments threaten the paper industry's historic role as a major employer in

the State, creating the potential for a devastating ripple effect throughout the State's economy; and

**Whereas,** the continued health and vitality of the paper industry in the State is an issue of vital concern to the entire State and deserving of immediate study to determine what problems the industry is facing and what, if any, actions the State may take to assist the industry; 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

**Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 8 members:

1. Four members appointed by the Governor;
2. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate; and
3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In making these appointments, the appointing authority shall consider the appointment of persons with expertise and experience in economics, business or finance. One member must represent the interests of the environment and one member must represent the interests of labor; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings; chair. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have been made. When the appointment of all members is complete, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than June 15, 1994. At the first meeting, the commission shall select a chair from among its members; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Procedure. Resolved:** That in conducting the study, the commission may:

1. Seek and receive private and public funding to finance all or portions of the study;
2. Meet at convenient times and locations;