

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PREFACE

The Laws of Maine has been in continuous publication since 1820, when the Acts and Resolves adopted by the First Legislature were published by the Secretary of State under the authority of Resolve 1820, chapter 25. The 1993 edition of the Laws of Maine is the official publication of the Legislative Session Laws of the State of Maine and is compiled and published under the authority of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 163-A.

Volume 1 contains all the public laws enacted at the Third Special Session (chapters 884 and 886) and the Fourth Special Session (chapter 887) of the 115th Legislature. No other acts or resolves were enacted at those special sessions. Volume 1 also contains public laws (chapters 1 to 409) enacted at the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.

Volume 2 contains public laws (chapters 410 to 481) and all of the private and special laws, resolves and constitutional resolutions enacted at the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature. A selection of the judicial orders, proclamations, significant addresses, joint resolutions and memorials follow, and the index to all materials is located at the end of Volume 2.

Additional volumes of the 1993 Laws of Maine will contain those measures adopted in the Second Regular Session and any special sessions of the 116th Legislature.

The following conventions are used throughout the series.

1. At the top of each page is a heading that indicates the individual classification of each law, the year and session of passage and its chapter number.
2. A table of contents appears at the beginning of each volume that locates major divisions and contents by page reference.
3. An individual subject index of the documents contained in Volume 1 and Volume 2 is located at the end of Volume 2. This index is arranged alphabetically by subject headings with corresponding chapter numbers.
4. A session cross-reference table is also provided at the end of Volume 2 to show how unallocated public laws, laws exempted in previous revisions, and Titles and sections of the Maine Revised Statutes of 1964 have been affected by the laws included in this publication.
5. Words deleted from the law, unless repealed by express language, are stricken through.
6. New statutory words or sections are underlined.
7. Citations to a Legislative Document are printed beneath the chapter number heading to assist in locating the original source of each chapter.
8. The effective date for Maine laws is provided in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 16, which specifies that except for certain emergency legislation, an act or resolve enacted into law takes effect 90 days after the adjournment of the session in which it passed. Thus, the general effective date of nonemergency laws passed at the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature is October 13, 1993. The effective dates of emergency legislation vary and are provided at the end of the chapters that were enacted as emergencies.

Copies of a specific chaptered law may be obtained by contacting the Engrossing Division of this office. Copies of the original Legislative Document and any amendments may be obtained from the Legislative Document Room administered by the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

This edition of the Laws of Maine and its predecessors have been prepared for the convenience of the people of the State of Maine and any comments or suggestions for improvements in subsequent editions are welcome.

Much of the work of this volume was done at the direction of John David Kennedy, Revisor of Statutes from October, 1988 to his departure at the end of the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature. His dedication to maintaining the high quality of the Maine Revised Statutes is a legacy to all of those with whom and for whom he worked.

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