

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1995**

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**PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
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**CHAPTER 52**

**H.P. 1164 - L.D. 1597**

**An Act to Reduce the State Tax  
Valuation for the Town of Hope**

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

**Whereas,** it is necessary that this legislation be enacted as an emergency in order that decisions regarding county taxes, school appropriations and any other decisions based on the just value of property in the Town of Hope will be based on the correct 1996 state valuation for Episcopal Camp Foundation's property; and

**Whereas,** on October 20, 1995, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court ruled that the property known as Bishopswood situated in the Town of Hope is exempt from taxes; and

**Whereas,** awaiting the next valuation adjustment by the State is a severe hardship to the Town of Hope; 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:**

**Sec. 1. Correct 1996 state valuation.** Notwithstanding any other provision in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, the 1996 state valuation for the Town of Hope for the purposes of calculating county taxes, school appropriations and any other decisions regarding allocation of funds or assessment of taxes must be based on the 1996 state valuation that values the property of the Episcopal Camp Foundation, Inc. (Bishopswood) in Hope at \$0.

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

Effective January 29, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 53**

**H.P. 1243 - L.D. 1705**

**An Act to Establish Educational  
Services for Grades 7 to 12 in the  
Towns of Mechanic Falls, Minot and  
Poland**

**Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

**Whereas,** the towns of Mechanic Falls, Minot and Poland are currently providing education for grades 9 to 12 in Poland and Minot and grades 10 to 12 in Mechanic Falls, through tuition agreements that have been terminated by the receiving school administrative unit effective in the fall of 1996; and

**Whereas,** it is in the interest of the 3 towns to have adequate planning and preparatory time to establish a new school for the continuing education of their students; and

**Whereas,** it is necessary to put into operation a plan for the construction of a new school in as timely a manner as possible to ensure an orderly and timely transition to a new school with the least amount of hardship on the students from these towns; and

**Whereas,** that plan must be approved by the Legislature and subsequently by the local voters in the respective towns; and