

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**September 5, 1996 to September 7, 1996**

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 4, 1996 to March 27, 1997**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**March 27, 1997 to June 20, 1997**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 26, 1997**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 1997**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1997**

of the 120th Legislature by December 15, 2000; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Annual Assembly of the Governors and Chiefs. Resolved:** That the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission shall convene an annual Assembly of Governors and Chiefs, including the Governors of the State of Maine and the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Chiefs of the Penobscot Nation, Houlton Band of Maliseets and Aroostook Band of Micmacs.

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**CHAPTER 46**

**H.P. 1027 - L.D. 1444**

**Resolve, to Designate an East-West Highway and Install Signs on that Highway**

**Sec. 1. Designate the East-West Highway; install signs. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate the following roads in Maine as the East-West Highway and install signs indicating these roads as one highway: Route 9 from Calais to Bangor, Interstate 95 from Bangor to Newport and Route 2 from Newport to Rumford to New Hampshire.

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**CHAPTER 47**

**S.P. 469 - L.D. 1471**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 502: Direct Watersheds of Waterbodies Most at Risk from New Development, and Sensitive or Threatened Regions or Watersheds, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality**

**Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 502: Direct Watersheds of Waterbodies Most at Risk from New Development, and Sensitive or Threatened Regions or Watersheds, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, submitted to the Legislature

for review pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, is authorized.

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**CHAPTER 48**

**H.P. 1330 - L.D. 1880**

**Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Androscoggin County for the Year 1997**

**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 and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** Androscoggin County has certain expenses and liabilities that must be met as they become due; and

**Whereas,** it is necessary that the taxes for the year 1997 be immediately assessed in order to provide the required revenue for the county; 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. Androscoggin County; taxes apportioned. Resolved:** That the following sum is granted as a tax on Androscoggin County to be apportioned, assessed, collected and applied to the purposes of paying debts and necessary expenses of the county as authorized in this resolve, and for other purposes of law, for the calendar year 1997:

**1997 TAX**

\$4,636,447

; and be it further

**Sec. 2. General Fund expenditures authorized. Resolved:** That the following sums,