

# 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**

**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**  
**1997**

Total Appropriations	\$6,378,464
Available Credits:	
Estimated Revenue	\$1,234,515
Community Corrections	352,230
Transfer from Surplus	55,272
Total Available Credits	1,742,017
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$4,636,447

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

Effective May 31, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 49**

**S.P. 499 - L.D. 1561**

**Resolve, to Examine the Impact of Federal Devolution Decisions on Municipalities and Other Local Agencies**

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

**Whereas,** due to decisions at the federal levels increasing governmental responsibilities and duties are being delegated to state and local levels of government; and

**Whereas,** reductions in the levels of funding for many federal programs have resulted in significantly fewer federal dollars flowing to states and localities just as responsibilities are increasing for those levels of government; and

**Whereas,** decisions to delegate governmental responsibilities by higher levels of government may ultimately force municipalities and local and regional agencies to accept additional responsibilities and reduced funding with no possibility of passing those new responsibilities on to others; and

**Whereas,** it is vitally important that an organized effort be put in place to assist municipal and regional agencies to begin to plan for the impact of federal devolution decisions; 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 preserva-

tion of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Governor's Municipal Advisory Council to examine the impact of federal devolution decisions on municipalities.**

**Resolved:** That the Governor's Municipal Advisory Council, established pursuant to Executive Order No. 14 FY 1986-87, and referred to in this resolve as "the council" as part of its deliberations shall examine the direct and indirect impacts of the delegation of federal responsibilities and reduction in federal funding levels on municipalities and regional and local agencies and programs. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget and the Executive Department, State Planning Office shall assist the council in its examination; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the council shall report to the Legislature by February 1, 1998 on its findings, recommendations and any necessary implementing legislation; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Staff. Resolved:** That the State Planning Office shall provide staff support for the council for the purposes provided in this resolve.

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

Effective June 9, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 50**

**H.P. 1255 - L.D. 1782**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of Land from the State to the Freeman Ridge Cemetery Association**

**Sec. 1. Transfer of land. Resolved:** That the State shall transfer to the Freeman Ridge Cemetery Association, Inc. a parcel of land described as follows: A certain lot or parcel of land, located in the deorganized Town of Freeman, County of Franklin, at the junction of the Freeman Ridge and Ramsdell Hill roads, known as the Freeman Ridge Cemetery and School House lot, and is bounded and described to wit: commencing at an iron pin on the northerly side of the Ramsdell Hill Road 276 feet east of the southwest corner of lot #17 range L; thence northwesterly a distance of 84 feet to a cement post; thence northeasterly a distance of 203 feet to a cement post; thence southeasterly a distance of 138.75 feet to an iron pin; thence southwesterly a distance of 69' 11.5" to an iron pin; thence southeasterly a distance of 69' 11.5" to the Freeman Ridge Road; thence along the