

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 7, 1998 to March 31, 1998**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**April 1, 1998 to April 9, 1998**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 30, 1998**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JULY 9, 1998**

**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**

rule may not require or permit any regional site-employed provider to serve as a member of a regional provider advisory board, except that a site-employed provider serving on a regional provider advisory board on the effective date of this resolve may continue to serve in that capacity until July 1, 1999; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Department report. Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over educational matters on its experience implementing the rule authorized in this resolve and the impact of the rule not later than February 1, 1999.

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

Effective April 1, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 107

H.P. 992 - L.D. 1372

### Resolve, Directing the Judicial Department to Develop Recommendations to Implement Court Unification

**Sec. 1. Convene task force. Resolved:** That the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall convene a task force to develop recommendations to implement the unification of the Superior and District Courts. The Chief Justice shall select the task force membership, which may include:

1. District Court judges;
2. Superior Court justices;
3. Supreme Judicial Court justices;
4. Court clerks;
5. District attorneys;
6. Legal services representatives;
7. Maine State Bar Association members;
8. Maine Trial Lawyers Association members;
9. Public members; and
10. Any other interested parties; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Reports. Resolved:** That the task force submit periodic reports to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. The Chief Justice shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legisla-

ture having jurisdiction over judiciary matters an interim report by March 15, 1999 and a final report by December 15, 1999, including any necessary legislation; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Drafting assistance. Resolved:** That, upon request, the Legislative Council shall provide staff to assist in drafting legislation; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the task force shall serve without per diem or expenses.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 108

H.P. 1667 - L.D. 2290

### Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 1998

**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,** Kennebec 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 1998 mentioned 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. Kennebec County; taxes apportioned. Resolved:** That the following sum is granted as a tax on Kennebec County to be apportioned, assessed, collected and applied to the purposes of paying debts and necessary expenses of the county