

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

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.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1997

**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
1997**

CHAPTER 117

S.P. 542 - L.D. 1661

**Resolve, to Implement the
Recommendations of the Blue
Ribbon Commission on Hunger and
Food Security**

**Sec. 1. Commission established. Re-
solved:** That the Maine Millennium Commission on
Hunger and Food Security, referred to in this section
as the "commission," is established.

1. Members. The commission consists of 15
members appointed in September 1999 as follows:
one Senator from the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
services matters, appointed by the President of the
Senate; 3 Representatives from the joint standing
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
health and human services matters, appointed by the
Speaker of the House of Representatives; one
representative of the Department of Human Services,
appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services;
and 10 representatives of the general public, including
representatives of business, labor, religion, private
nonprofit charitable organizations, low-income
organizations and agriculture and antihunger organi-
zations, 4 of whom are appointed by the Governor, 3
by the President of the Senate and 3 by the Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

2. Organizational meeting. The commission
shall hold an organizational meeting, called by the
Chair of the Legislative Council, by December 1,
1999 and shall elect from among the members a chair
and a vice-chair for the commission.

3. Duties. The commission shall hold hearings
on hunger and food security, which, for the purposes
of this section, means access through normal channels
to nutrition sufficient for daily life and work, and
develop a plan for relieving hunger and ensuring food
security for people in the State. The commission shall
inquire into the experience of hunger in this State and
investigate changes in policies and programs that will
enable all citizens of this State to attain food security
and to move toward self-reliance. This inquiry must
include, but is not limited to, consideration of the
reform of public welfare and the role of public and
private efforts in achieving food security. The

commission shall evaluate the progress of
recommendations made by the Blue Ribbon
Commission on Hunger and Food Security.

4. Staff assistance. The Department of Human
Services and the Executive Department, State
Planning Office shall provide research, clerical and
computer assistance to the commission.

5. Reimbursement; mileage. The members of
the commission who are Legislators are entitled to
receive the legislative per diem as defined in the
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and
reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses
for attendance at meetings of the commission upon
application to the Executive Director of the Legisla-
tive Council for those expenses. Other members of
the commission are not entitled to reimbursement for
expenses.

6. Report. The commission shall submit a re-
port, together with any necessary implementing
legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 120th
Legislature by December 15, 2001.

7. Funding. The commission may seek outside
sources of funding.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 118

H.P. 1411 - L.D. 1975

**Resolve, to Establish the Commission
on Eating Disorders**

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

Whereas, eating disorders affect a significant
number of Maine citizens and their families,
endangering the health and happiness of our citizens
and their families; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of the State to be-
gin a study commission on eating disorders in a timely
manner so that the commission can address the issue
thoroughly; and