

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2008**

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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
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**CHAPTER 182  
S.P. 787 - L.D. 1993**

**Resolve, Regarding  
Enhancement of Maine's  
Cultural Assets**

**Preamble.** Whereas, the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council serves a vital role in coordinating a comprehensive approach to preserving and promoting the State's cultural heritage; and

**Whereas,** the Legislature seeks to strengthen its commitment to the preservation and enhancement of the State's cultural assets for the benefit of all its citizens; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Maine State Cultural Affairs Council directed to identify needs of Maine's cultural community and increase visibility of council. Resolved:** That the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, consisting of the Maine State Museum, the Maine State Library, the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Maine State Archives, the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Humanities Council and referred to in this resolve as "the council," shall review its charge under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 27, chapter 18 and:

1. Identify ways to increase the council's visibility in State Government;
2. Solicit broad-based public input to identify the needs and aspirations of Maine's cultural community including through a series of statewide forums;
3. Develop ways to broaden citizen participation in the council;
4. Review the council's internal procedures to improve the delivery of services to the citizens of Maine and strengthen the council's image;
5. Identify ways to increase the ability of the council to attract private and public funding to benefit the citizens of Maine through enhanced cultural services; and
6. Explore ways to improve the interaction of the council with the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Reporting date. Resolved:** That no later than January 31, 2009 the council shall submit a

report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs matters. The council shall include in a report a draft of any legislation necessary to implement its recommendations.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 183  
H.P. 1529 - L.D. 2149**

**Resolve, To Encourage  
Renewable Energy and Energy  
Conservation in Maine**

**Sec. 1. Net energy billing. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission shall review and make recommendations for changes to the statutes and rules governing net energy billing for customers of transmission and distribution utilities, including the relevant provisions of the commission's rules governing the purchase of electricity from small generators, in order to promote and encourage energy generation from renewable resources. The review must include, but is not limited to, consideration of the intent of the laws and rules at the time they were established, the status of net energy billing policies in other states and their implementation, the relevant portions of the report of the Governor's Task Force on Wind Power Development in Maine pursuant to Executive Order 31 FY 06/07 and the relevant portions of the commission's final report pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 187 regarding continued participation in the New England regional transmission organization.

By January 15, 2009, the commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations regarding net energy billing, and any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. The report must, at a minimum, address the following aspects of net energy billing:

1. Limits on installed capacity;
2. The value of kilowatt-hour credits, including options for separating transmission and distribution charges from energy charges;
3. The treatment of net excess generation, including options for excess energy with respect to renewable energy credits; and