

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
January 2, 2008 to March 31, 2008

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 1, 2008 to April 18, 2008

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
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JULY 18, 2008

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

Penmor Lithographers
Lewiston, Maine
2008

Sec. 4. Sale in the event of nonperformance. Resolved: That, if the parcels identified in sections 2 and 3 of this resolve are not purchased as provided in those sections within the time frame provided, the State Tax Assessor may sell the parcels to the person with the next highest bid opened pursuant to the process authorized by Resolve 2007, chapter 65.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 215
S.P. 914 - L.D. 2293

**Resolve, To Improve the
Absentee Voting System on
November 3, 2008**

Sec. 1. Municipal clerks authorized to prohibit in-person absentee voting on the day prior to election day. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 753-B, subsection 8, a municipal clerk may prohibit voting by absentee ballot in the presence of the municipal clerk on November 3, 2008, as long as the municipal clerk gives notice of the municipality's intent to do so using the notice of election under Title 21-A, section 621-A. At least 30 days before election day, the municipal clerk shall provide a copy of the notice of election to the Secretary of State and to the chairs of each political party of the municipality, indicating the municipality's intent to prohibit in-person absentee voting on November 3, 2008. The notice to the political parties is considered sufficient as long as it is mailed to the last known address of each municipal chair. The notice to the Secretary of State may be delivered by mail or by facsimile, but if the notice is not received by the Secretary of State by the 30th day before election day, the municipality must allow voting by absentee ballot in the presence of the municipal clerk on November 3, 2008. All other methods of absentee voting authorized by statute must continue to be available to voters on November 3, 2008; and be it further

Sec. 2. Municipal clerks shall notify of early processing of absentee ballots at least 30 days prior to election day. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 760-B, subsection 2, a municipal clerk must give notice of the municipality's intent to process absentee ballots prior to election day using the notice of election under Title 21-A, section 621-A, stating each specific time that the municipal clerk intends to begin processing absentee ballots and the inspection period provided in Title 21-A, section 760-B, subsection 3. At least 30 days before election day, the municipal clerk shall notify the Secretary of State and the chairs of each political party of the municipality, in writing, that this procedure is to occur. The notice to

the political parties must be considered sufficient as long as it is mailed to the last known address of each municipal chair. The notice to the Secretary of State may be delivered by mail or facsimile, but if the notice is not received by the Secretary of State by the 30th day before election day the municipality may not process absentee ballots prior to election day. A copy of the notice of election is considered notice in writing under this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 216
H.P. 790 - L.D. 1072

**Resolve, To Conduct an
Updated Study of the
Feasibility of Establishing a
Single-payor Health Care
System in the State**

Sec. 1. Update to feasibility study. Resolved: That the Legislature shall contract with a qualified consultant to update the December 2002 document titled "Feasibility Study of a Single-payer Health Plan Model for the State of Maine" produced by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. The Legislature shall seek outside grant funding to fully fund all costs of the updated study, which may not exceed \$60,000. If sufficient outside funding has not been received by the Legislature by August 1, 2008 to fully fund all costs of the updated study, no expenses of any kind related to the study may be incurred. The updated study must be submitted no later than December 3, 2008 to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters may submit legislation based on the updated feasibility study to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Initiative: Appropriates funds to the Legislature to contract for professional services for grant writing and other technical assistance. The \$60,000 allocation is required to expend any outside grant received to fund updating the 2002 study.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$5,750
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$5,750