

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**August 29, 2013**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 8, 2014 to May 2, 2014**

**THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**  
**EMERGENCY LAW IS**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2013**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**AUGUST 1, 2014**

**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2014**

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

**CHAPTER 590**

**S.P. 659 - L.D. 1664**

**An Act To Encourage Charitable Contributions to Nonprofit Organizations**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1.** 36 MRSA §5125, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

**5. Charitable contributions.** The following amounts in excess of the limitation on itemized deductions under subsection 4 may be claimed:

A. For tax years beginning in 2016, charitable contributions included in federal itemized deductions up to \$18,000; and

B. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, the amount of charitable contributions included in federal itemized deductions.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 591  
H.P. 1202 - L.D. 1679**

**An Act To Appropriate Funds for the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Code Enforcement Officer Training, Increased Enforcement of Tax Collection, Water Quality Control, Clinical Staff at the Maine State Prison and HIV Prevention Education**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development to report on code enforcement officer training and certification.** By February 15, 2015, the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters on the use of funds appropriated to support the long-term stability of the code enforcement officer training and certification program, as well as the total number of code enforcement officers trained and certified by the department. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters is authorized to report out a bill on the subject matter of this section to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

**Sec. 2. Transfer from Gambling Control Board Other Special Revenue Funds.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$418,021 no later than August 1, 2014 from the Gambling Control Board, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF  
Criminal Justice Academy 0290**

Initiative: Provides funding to maintain the operation of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.