

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2015**

The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature to implement a penalty for a violation of Title 20-A, section 6001, subsection 1.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 98**

**H.P. 353 - L.D. 514**

**An Act To Amend the Laws  
Governing the Location of  
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax  
Collection for Motor Vehicles  
Owned by Public Utilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1484, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 627, §33, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. The excise tax on a motor vehicle owned by a corporation or a partnership must be paid to the place in which the owner's registered or main office is located, except that if the owner has an additional permanent place of business where motor vehicles are customarily kept, the tax on these vehicles must be paid to the place where that permanent place of business is located. The temporary location of an office and the stationing of vehicles in connection with a construction project of less than 24 months' duration are not considered to constitute a permanent place of business. If the owner is a foreign corporation or partnership not maintaining a place of business within the State, the excise tax must be paid to the Secretary of State.

Within 3 years from the date of an excise tax levy under the authority of this paragraph, a municipality, county or motor vehicle owner that feels the excise tax has been improperly levied may request a determination of this question by the State Tax Assessor. The State Tax Assessor's determination is limited to the same 3-year period and is binding on all of the parties. Any of the parties may seek review of the determination in accordance with the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80-C. Within 30 days after receipt of notice of a determination made by the State Tax Assessor under this paragraph, a municipality or county that has incorrectly accepted excise tax money must pay the money, together with interest at the maximum rate established by the Treasurer of State pursuant to section 505, to the municipality or county identified in the determination as the proper place of payment.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2017.

Effective January 1, 2017.

**CHAPTER 99**

**H.P. 134 - L.D. 176**

**An Act To Amend the Law  
Governing the Gathering of  
Signatures for Direct  
Initiatives and People's Veto  
Referenda**

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

**Whereas**, the integrity of the process for collecting signatures of direct initiative and people's veto referenda is paramount to the implementation of this form of direct democracy; and

**Whereas**, the collection of signatures for new direct initiatives and potential people's veto referenda may occur before the 90-day period has expired; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §903-A, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 92, §1, is amended to read:

Petitions issued under this chapter may be circulated by any Maine resident who is a registered voter acting as a circulator of a petition. A circulator of a petition solicits signatures for the petition by presenting the petition to the voter, asking the voter to sign the petition and personally witnessing the voter affixing the voter's signature to the petition. The circulator of the petition must comply with the provisions of section 902.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §903-C, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 611, §4, is amended to read:

**1. Registration.** Prior to organizing, supervising or managing the circulation of petitions for a direct initiative of legislation or a people's veto referendum, a petition organization, in addition to meeting any other requirement to transact business in this State, shall register with the Secretary of State on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State. The registration form must include the following: