

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**June 19, 2018 to September 13, 2018**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2018**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
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**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
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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**  
**2019**

**2. Committees; corporations; associations.** A political committee, political action committee, other committee, firm, partnership, corporation, association or organization may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than \$1,500 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate, more than \$350 for a legislative candidate, more than ~~\$350~~ **\$500** for a candidate for municipal office and beginning January 1, 2012 ~~more than \$750 for a candidate for municipal office or~~ more than \$750 in any election for any other candidate. Beginning December 1, 2010, contribution limits in accordance with this subsection are adjusted every 2 years based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$25. The commission shall post the current contribution limit and the amount of the next adjustment and the date that it will become effective on its publicly accessible website and include this information with any publication to be used as a guide for candidates.

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.

Effective January 1, 2020.

**CHAPTER 52**

**H.P. 129 - L.D. 147**

**An Act To Extend Internet Availability in Rural Maine**

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

**Whereas,** this legislation authorizes the use of funds in the telecommunications education access fund to support mobile Internet access technology; and

**Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order for this funding to be available as soon as possible; 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. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 409, §2, is amended to read:

B. Internet access, including mobile Internet access through a portable wireless access point, or

hotspot, that provides Internet access over a cellular network;

**Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§5, ¶G,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 522, §2, is further amended to read:

G. To provide for the establishment of computer technology training programs in schools to provide training to students in areas such as, but not limited to, electronic commerce, Internet proficiency and World Wide Web-enabled systems; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§5, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 522, §2, is amended to read:

H. To provide for electronic database content to be used for the purposes of accessing information by schools and libraries; ~~and~~

**Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§5, ¶I** is enacted to read:

I. To provide, within existing resources, support for qualified libraries in rural areas of the State with greatest need, as determined in consultation with the State Librarian, the Commissioner of Education and the ConnectME Authority, to offer portable wireless access points, or hotspots, for mobile Internet access.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 23, 2019.

**CHAPTER 53**

**H.P. 284 - L.D. 375**

**An Act To Promote the Forest Products Industry in School Construction and Renovation Involving Heating Systems**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15908-B** is enacted to read:

**§15908-B. Heating systems**

In approving school construction projects, the state board shall ensure that school administrative units have considered heating systems that use renewable, locally sourced wood-based fuels and that benefit the State's economy and reduce carbon dioxide emissions in all planning and design for new or substantially renovated schools or school buildings subject to state board approval.