

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 2, 2020 to March 30, 2021

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 28, 2021 to July 19, 2021

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
JUNE 29, 2021

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
OCTOBER 18, 2021

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

Augusta, Maine
2021

**CHAPTER 140
H.P. 136 - L.D. 183**

**An Act To Establish
Juneteenth as a Paid State
Holiday**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051, as amended by PL 2019, c. 59, §1 and c. 475, §49, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1051. Legal holidays

Court may not be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving; New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the 3rd Monday in January; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, but if the Federal Government designates May 30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day, the 30th of May; Juneteenth, June 19th; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Indigenous Peoples Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans Day, November 11th; or on Christmas Day. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may order that court be held on a legal holiday when the Chief Justice finds that the interests of justice and judicial economy in any particular case will be served. The public offices in county buildings may be closed to business on the holidays named in this section. When any one of the holidays named in this section falls on Sunday, the Monday following must be observed as a holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days named in this section.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §59 is enacted to read:

§59. Juneteenth established as state holiday

The State designates June 19th of each year as Juneteenth and as a state holiday. All nonessential state offices must be closed on Juneteenth.

Sec. 3. 9-B MRSA §145, sub-§1, ¶F-1 is enacted to read:

F-1. June 19th, Juneteenth;

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. Juneteenth, June 19th;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 141
H.P. 157 - L.D. 222**

**An Act To Update the Maine
Parentage Act**

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1844, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is amended to read:

A. All signatories to an acknowledgment of ~~paternity~~ parentage or denial of parentage as provided in subchapter 3; and

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §1851, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is amended to read:

3. Acknowledgment. An effective voluntary acknowledgment of ~~paternity~~ parentage under subchapter 3;

Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA c. 61, sub-c. 3, headnote is amended to read:

SUBCHAPTER 3

**VOLUNTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
PATERNITY PARENTAGE**

Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §1861, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is amended to read:

§1861. Acknowledgment of ~~paternity~~ parentage

The woman who gives birth to a child and a man, not her spouse, claiming to be the genetic father of the child following persons may sign an acknowledgment of ~~paternity with intent~~ parentage to establish ~~paternity~~ parentage of a child:

1. Woman who gave birth. A woman who gave birth to the child and who is not a gestational carrier;

2. Alleged genetic parent. A person who is the alleged genetic parent of the child and who is not a donor;

3. Presumed parent. A presumed parent of the child pursuant to subchapter 4, except that a presumed parent pursuant to section 1881, subsection 3 must meet the requirements of that subsection and may not submit an acknowledgment of parentage for at least 2 years from the time the child was born or adopted; and

4. Intended parent. An intended parent of the child pursuant to subchapter 7.

Sec. 5. 19-A MRSA §1862, as corrected by RR 2015, c. 1, §12, is amended to read:

§1862. Execution of acknowledgment of ~~paternity~~ parentage