

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 THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 7, 2022 to March 30, 2023

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 5, 2023 to July 26, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
JUNE 29, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
OCTOBER 25, 2023

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

Augusta, Maine
2023

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$660,000	\$660,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$660,000	\$660,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 23
S.P. 24 - L.D. 32**

An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11611, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2001, c. 70, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11611, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Student aid index. "Student aid index" means a calculation that reflects an evaluation of a student's approximate financial resources to contribute toward the student's postsecondary education for an academic year.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §11613, first ¶, as amended by PL 2003, c. 103, §1, is further amended to read:

The authority shall establish the need of a student for a Maine State Grant for an academic year for which the student applies. ~~A student is considered to have a need to qualify for a grant if the total of the cost of attendance of the student, minus the expected family contribution for the student, minus estimated student financial assistance not received under this program, is greater than zero. The total of the expected family contribution, together with any other student financial assistance received by the student, In doing so, the authority shall consider the cost of attendance of the student, the student aid index and estimated student financial assistance not received under this program. The total cost determined by these factors may not exceed the cost of attendance at the institution the student attends.~~

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §11613, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 559, §10, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 70, §8, is further amended to read:

1. Priority for awards of grants. Students with the lowest ~~expected family contributions~~ student aid index must be given priority over all other eligible students for the awards of grants.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 24
S.P. 72 - L.D. 133**

An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board and to Require the Member Representing a Historical Society to Have Expertise in Archival Records

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §96, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 50, §12, is amended to read:

2. Members. The Archives Advisory Board consists of ~~9~~ 10 voting members with expertise in the administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value of records. Voting members of the board must represent the spectrum of records in the State and are appointed by the Secretary of State as follows:

- A. Two public members representing the interests of public access to government records, recommended by a public interest group;
- B. Two members from municipal or county government with expertise in local government records, recommended by local or county government entities;
- C. One member with expertise in archival records representing a state or local historical society, recommended by a state or local historical society;
- D. One member with expertise in the legal requirements of records retention and public records law, recommended by the Attorney General;
- E. One member with expertise in the State's fiscal requirements of records retention, recommended by the Governor;
- F. One member from the executive branch with expertise in executive branch records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~
- G. One member from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology with expertise in electronic records, electronic records management systems and emerging technology related to electronic records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~
- H. One member with expertise in journalism representing newspaper and other press interests, recommended by a statewide professional news organization.

The State Archivist serves as a nonvoting member.
See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 25
H.P. 83 - L.D. 137

**An Act to Amend the Maine
Parentage Act Regarding
Joinder of Parties**

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1836, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is amended to read:

§1836. Parties to proceeding

~~In addition to a child whose parentage is to be adjudicated a proceeding to adjudicate the parentage of a child, all parents of the child must be joined as parties in a proceeding to adjudicate parentage.~~

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §1844, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is amended to read:

2. Adjudication in divorce, annulment or legal separation proceeding to dissolve marriage or proceeding to establish parental rights. In a proceeding for divorce, for legal separation, to dissolve annul a marriage or to establish parental rights and responsibilities, the court is deemed to have made an adjudication of the parentage of a child if the court acts under circumstances that satisfy the jurisdictional requirements of section 2961 and the final order:

A. Expressly identifies a child as a "child of the ~~marriage parties~~" or "issue of the marriage" or by similar words indicates that the parties are the parents of the child; or

B. Provides for support of the child by the parent or parents.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 26
H.P. 90 - L.D. 144

**An Act Regarding the
Monitoring of Municipal
Abandoned Property**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §946-C, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 127, §2, is amended to read:

4. Program to monitor municipal abandoned property. A municipality that certifies abandoned property under this section shall submit the address and parcel data for the abandoned property to the ~~Maine State Housing Redevelopment Land Bank Authority under Title 30-A, chapter 204~~ for use in determining opportunities for redevelopment, ~~programs supporting first time home buyers and similar programs and data analysis.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 27
H.P. 357 - L.D. 552

**An Act Regarding the
Definition of "Reportable
Accident"**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2251, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 348, §23, is further amended to read:

1. Definition. As used in this section, "reportable accident" means an accident on a public way or a place where public traffic may reasonably be anticipated, resulting in bodily injury or death to a person or apparent property damage of ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 or more. Apparent property damage under this subsection must be based upon the market value of the necessary repairs and may not be limited to the current value of the vehicle or property.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 28
S.P. 19 - L.D. 27

**An Act to Align Maine's Lead
Abatement Law with Federal
Definitions and to Clarify Lead
Abatement Licensing and
Certification Requirements**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1291, sub-§26-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 628, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

26-A. Residential dwelling. "Residential dwelling" means a room or group of rooms that form a single independent habitable unit for ~~permanent~~ occupation by one or more individuals that has facilities with permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation, including common areas and appurtenant structures. "Residential dwelling" does not include: