

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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

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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**  
**2023**

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1291, sub-§19-A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 628, Pt. B, §1, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §1291, sub-§23-A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 628, Pt. B, §2, is repealed.

**Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §1298**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 501, §14, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 148  
S.P. 385 - L.D. 893**

**An Act to Amend the  
Legislative Membership of the  
Hancock County Budget  
Advisory Committee**

**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 amends the legislative membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee and needs to take effect prior to the budget advisory committee's annual meeting in the month of October; 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. 30-A MRSA §763, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 440, §1, is further amended to read:

B. ~~Budget~~ Except for the member of the Hancock County legislative delegation, budget advisory committee members serve 3-year terms and no more than one member from each municipality may serve at a time. If a budget advisory committee member who is elected as a municipal officer member ceases to be a municipal officer during the term of membership, that committee member vacates membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §763, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 749, §1, is amended to read:

2. **Legislative member.** ~~The~~ Prior to October 1, 2023, the Hancock County legislative delegation shall annually select one member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve on the budget advisory committee. By October 1, 2023, and by October

1st of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the Hancock County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, one member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve on the budget advisory committee for a 2-year term. If the selected member resigns from the Legislature or from the budget advisory committee during the member's term of office, the Hancock County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, another member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve the remainder of the term. The Hancock County legislative delegation may replace a member selected pursuant to this subsection to serve on the budget advisory committee by a 2/3 vote of the delegation.

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

Effective June 12, 2023.

**CHAPTER 149  
H.P. 622 - L.D. 975**

**An Act to Align Maine's  
Elevator Safety Laws with  
Maine Uniform Building and  
Energy Code Standards**

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

**Whereas**, today's buildings often have multiple stories and are often serviced by an elevator; and

**Whereas**, the ability to exit these buildings, particularly from higher floors, is important, especially in cases of evacuation by medical or emergency personnel; and

**Whereas**, if evacuation involves carrying a person on a stretcher, an elevator's capacity to accommodate the stretcher can be essential to the person's survival; 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. 32 MRSA §15228, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 70, Pt. D, §35, is further amended to read:

**1. Requirements.** Notwithstanding section 15205-A, whenever a passenger elevator is installed in a building being newly constructed or in a new addition