Welcome to the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library

Providing prompt, confidential and nonpartisan information services to legislators, their constituents, and legislative staff.

LOCATION AND HOURS

2nd floor of the State House
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.
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All members of our reference team have professional degrees in library science and/or law. However, we are not practicing attorneys.
### SERVICES

- **REFERENCE**
  Professional reference staff can research past proposals, laws in other states, policy issues, and constituent requests. Turnaround time is usually within one day and information can be delivered electronically. Ask us questions in person or by phone during normal business or by email any time.

- **BORROWING**
  Each legislator has been assigned a borrowing card on file in the Law Library. Items not in our collection may be available on interlibrary loan.

- **NEWS**
  *Front Page* daily news feed (http://maine.gov/legis/lawlib/frontpage.html) highlights developments relevant to the Legislature.

### RESOURCES

- All past proposed and enacted legislation.
- Compiled legislative histories on major issues, bibliographies and brochures.
- Vast collection of digitized legislative history materials.
- Legislators’ biographical information, records of service, roll call votes, floor debate and news clips about their years in office and after leaving office.
- Sponsor lists.
- Journals and books providing up-to-date information on policy developments and background on specific topics.
- Statewide newspapers (daily and weekly).
- Online catalog (URSUS).

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

- Wi-Fi and electrical outlets available throughout library
- Public computers with Internet, Westlaw, and Wordpad.
- Personalized instruction for legislators and staff.