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LAW and LEGISLATIVE  
REFERENCE LIBRARY

## Maine State Law & Legislative Reference Library

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# We're here for YOU!

◀ §172-A

Title 3: LEGISLATURE

§174 ▶

## Chapter 7: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### Subchapter 2: LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

#### §173. State Law Library; services

The State Law Library shall provide the following services: [PL 1985, c. 501, Pt. B, §11 (AMD).]

**1. Legislative reference service.** Provide a comprehensive reference service on legislative problems for all members of the Legislature and its committees, equally and impartially, and to the limits of its staff and facilities. Such reference services shall be available also to public officials and to citizens generally.

Collect, index and make available in the most suitable form information relative to governmental subjects which will aid the Legislature, other public officials and citizens to perform their duties in an enlightened manner.

[PL 1971, c. 480, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Law library.** Provide a law library for the use of all agencies of State Government, the judiciary, attorneys and citizens of Maine.

# Our Services

## Legislative Research

- Proposed legislation restricting teens from using tanning booths over the past 10 years
- Legislative history of the law restricting how many passengers a young driver can have in the car
- What legislation created the language "fair and equitable" in 23 MRS §3101?
- I'm looking for a copy of the report pursuant to Resolve 2021, c. 84
- Has the Legislature ever met in Joint Convention after the first day of session to fill the vacancy of a constitutional officer?
- Can you find examples from the Senate when a point of order has been made allowing a member to speak for a third time? Did the President allow it?
- What are other states doing to reduce the number of military veteran suicides?

# Our Services

## Constituent Research

- My constituent is looking for a joint resolution or Governor's proclamation from the 1990s or early 2000s regarding military dog handlers
- What is Maine law on municipalities acquiring property by eminent domain?
- In 1973, the Maine legislature passed legislation allowing towns and cities to enact rent control ordinances. Is this law still in effect?
- In the past 10 years, has the legislature proposed any bills banning the weed killer glyphosate?
- My constituent wants more information about the restrictions on the purchase of wine as stated in Maine statute 28-A MRS §1403. Can you please send me the legislative history of the enactment of this statute?
- My grandmother served in the Maine Legislature in the 1960s. Can you send me any information you have about her?



# Your Library

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- 5 public computer terminals
  - Table and carrel seating for 36 patrons
  - Floor outlets for charging laptops and cell phones
  - Laser copying and printing – FREE for legislators!
  - Over 40 local and national newspapers

# Our Collection

- Print and digital versions of Maine legislative materials going back to 1820
- Hundreds of thousands of newspaper articles related to legislators, legislation, and statewide issues going back to the 1960s and earlier
- Service records for legislators from 1820 to present
- Print and digital versions of thousands of Maine legislative and government agency reports
- Huge digital collection of Maine executive orders, attorney general opinions, and election results
- Guides and treatises on all areas of Maine, national, and federal law
- Access to the collections of thousands of other libraries through interlibrary loan



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