

# Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library



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## Internet

A public Wi-Fi network (LegisAir) is available in the State House. Technical assistance for personal computers is not provided. Electrical outlets are located on the floor under each library table.

## Public Computers & Printing

The library provides public access to the Internet and other digital resources. We provide limited word processing via *WordPad* or *OpenOffice*.

You may save files to a thumb drive or print pages at a cost of 10¢ per page. Print requests are sent from the public computers to the Circulation Desk, where they are available upon payment. Some resources, such as Westlaw, provide an email delivery option.

## Finding Tools & Guides

Staff compile and publish a variety of items to assist our users, including selected significant legislative histories, bibliographies, library brochures, indices and acquisitions lists. Many of these are also available on the library's website.

## Ask a Law Librarian

The Law Library reference staff provides electronic reference service for patrons throughout Maine with full-text email delivery of many resources. See our *Ask A Question* link on our homepage at <http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlibrary/ask-a-law-librarian/9209>.

In addition to service by email, reference staff also provide legal and legislative reference assistance to those who phone or visit us.



## Lending & Borrowing

Any Maine resident may borrow library materials in person or through the mail. Most materials circulate for three weeks. Codes and reporters circulate for one week. Renewals are given over the phone if no one else is waiting for the item. You may also ask to reserve an item already in use.

If the Law Library does not own an item you wish to use, you may request that we obtain it from another library for you or make a direct request yourself through the Requestor feature in the URSUS catalog. You will need to know your patron barcode.

## Digitized Resources

Staff are constantly working to digitize Maine legislative materials and newspaper clippings. Highlights of the digitization collection include all of the Laws of Maine and Legislative Record, committee files going back to the 1980s, LDs, and others. Compiled individual, topical, and statutory legislative histories are also available online. The compiled legislative histories allow for one stop shopping for legislative history research.

### Visit Our Website to Find:

- Service records of Maine legislators since 1820
- Votes on initiatives and referenda since 1910 and constitutional amendments since 1911
- Historical lists of Maine Governors, Supreme Court Justices, Attorneys General, Treasurers, and Secretaries of State since 1820
- Answers to frequently asked questions about Maine's law on various topics
- Legal and governmental web links arranged under broad topical headings
- Do-it-yourself legal information links
- An email form to contact our reference staff
- Maine legislative documents, reports, laws, Calendars, and more
- Individual and topical legislative histories
- History of Maine's tribal representation in the Legislature
- Digitized Legislative History resources
- Our online URSUS catalog
- Our Front Page News Service

## Our Collection Includes

The most complete collection of current and historical Maine legislative materials including:

- Laws of Maine, 1820-
- Legislative Record, 1897-
- Legislative Documents (bills), 1835-
- House and Senate Journals, 1854-
- Legislative study reports, 1941-
- Roll call votes, 1967-
- Sponsor lists, 1975-
- Committee files, 1983-
- Legislative Council minutes, 1973-
- Confirmation hearing files and tapes

Codes and statutes of the U.S. and its 50 states

Court reporters (opinions)

Law reviews, periodicals and newspaper clippings

Electronic resources include a vast digitized collection of Maine legislative history resources, Westlaw, HeinOnline and LLMC.

Standard legal treatises, dictionaries and encyclopedias

Pro se and self-help legal sources

Limited biographical information for Maine legislators, political figures, attorneys and judges

Executive Orders of the Governor, 1967-  
Governors' messages, 1820-

Selected Maine and U.S. Government documents