# In the Library

#### Research databases

Patrons visiting the library have access to several legal research platforms:

- Westlaw Edge
- VitalLaw
- HeinOnline
- LLMC Digital

#### Public computers

The Law Library's public computers provide access to the internet and limited word processing through WordPad and OpenOffice. Patrons may save files to a thumb drive.

#### Copies & printing

The Law Library charges 10 cents per page for photocopies and printed documents (a double sided document counts as 2 pages). The Law Library accepts cash or check only. We do not accept credit cards.

# Visit Us

Maine State House. 2nd Fl. 210 State Street, Augusta http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlibrary

### Hours

Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM ~ And anytime the House or Senate are in session

## Contact

Phone: (207) 287-1600 Ask a Law Librarian



### Maine State Law & Legislative Reference Library

High quality legal and legislative information for Maine residents and their governmental entities

## Who We Are

#### Background

The Law Library is both a nonpartisan office of the Maine State Legislature and Maine's official state law library. Established by law in 1971, the Law Library is charged with providing comprehensive reference services to all members of the Legislature and law library services for the use of all state government agencies, the judiciary, the bar, and the citizens of Maine.

#### Ask a Law Librarian

The Law Library strives to provide access to high quality legal and legislative information to Maine residents and their governmental entities. Our reference librarians help patrons research legislation, legislative history, and legal questions on any topic. The Law Library serves patrons from Kittery to Madawaska and all points in between. We take reference requests through email, over the phone, in person, and by post.

#### Lending & borrowing

Maine residents may borrow Law Library materials in person or through the mail. If the Law Library does not have an item you need, we can request legal or governmental titles through interlibrary loan. Call us to set up a borrowing account.

# **Digital Access**

#### E-books

Through LexisNexis Digital Library, the Law Library provides Maine residents with direct, remote access to 900+ law books on their home computers and mobile devices. <u>Contact</u> <u>us</u> to set up an account.

#### Online repository

The <u>Law and Legislative Digital Library</u> provides online access to a growing collection of historical Maine legal documents.

Legislative histories for all bills, 1981-present

Statutory history tool, 1964-present

Legislative Record, 1897-present

Laws of Maine, 1820-present

Bills and amendments, 1835-present

House and Senate Journals, 1854-present

Legislative study reports

Previous codifications of the Maine Revised Statutes, 1840-1964

Attorney general opinions and memoranda, 1874-present

And much more!

### **Our Collection**

#### Legislative materials

The Law Library collects documents and publications produced by the Legislature and its nonpartisan offices, including:

- Sessions laws and indexes
- Bills and amendments
- Legislative Records, Journals, and Calendars
- Mandated government reports
- Roll call votes
- Committee master files
- Confirmation hearing files and recordings

#### Legal materials

The Law Library provides access to:

- Statutes, regulations, and case law for all 50 states
- Secondary legal resources, such as legal treatises, practice guides, case digests, legal encyclopedias, and self-help publications

#### Our website

- Legislator service records, 1820-present
- Legal research guides and resources
- Historical lists of governors, constitutional officers, and referenda
- History of tribal representation in the Maine Legislature
- And much more!