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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Creating a Permanent Committee on Aging.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns; and

Whereas, the Committee on Aging was reactivated by private and special laws, 1959, chapter 182 and will cease to exist unless the following legislation is enacted; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the problems of Maine's aging population be further studied in order to solve said problems; 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. R. S., c. 25, §§ 297-A - 297-D, additional.** Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding 4 new sections to be numbered 297-A to 297-D, to read as follows:

**'Committee on Aging.**

**Sec. 297-A. Permanent Committee on Aging created.** The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a Committee on Aging of 13 members. The Governor shall designate the chairman.

Five members shall serve for 3 years, 4 for 2 years, 4 for one year. Upon completion of their terms of office their successors shall be appointed for 3 years. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The various state departments shall assist the committee in the furtherance of its duties.

**Sec. 297-B. Duties.** The Committee on Aging shall base its activities and fields of interests on the findings of the White House Conference.

It shall continue the study of the problem of Maine's aging population and shall assist in organizing local committees on aging. It shall provide leadership and stimulation at the state level in developing solutions for these problems.

The committee is authorized to employ, under the Personnel Law, such staff as may be necessary to carry out its objectives.

The committee is authorized to appoint subcommittees.

The committee is authorized to employ consultants and contract for such research projects as it deems necessary.

**Sec. 297-C. Meetings; expenses.** Said committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, and not less than 6 times during the biennium. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**Sec. 297-D. Federal grants.** The Treasurer of State shall be the appropriate fiscal officer of the State to receive federal grants on account of administration of said committee and the State Controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by the committee.'

**Sec. 2. Activities.** During the biennium the committee shall direct itself toward the holding of a state conference for the purpose of developing facts and recommendations and preparing a report of the findings for presentation to the White House Conference on Aging and to the Governor and Legislature.

**Sec. 3. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the State the sum of \$20,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$20,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to be expended in the furtherance of the objectives of this act; the breakdown of which shall be as follows:

COMMITTEE ON AGING	1961-62	1962-63
Personal Services	\$10,000	\$10,000
All Other	8,000	9,500
Capital Expenditures	2,000	500
	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect July 1, 1961.