

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Berman of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Revise the Civil Defense and Public Safety Council Law.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 12, § 3, amended.** The last paragraph of section 3 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

“Political subdivision” shall mean any county, city, town ~~or~~, village corporation, district or authority.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 12, § 6, amended.** The 2nd sentence of section 6 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

~~‘Such proclamation shall be published in such newspapers of the State and posted in such places as the Governor deems necessary and a~~ The next person in the State who would act as Governor if the office of Governor were vacant shall, by proclamation, declare the fact and that an emergency exists in any or all sections of the State. A copy of such proclamation shall be filed with the Secretary of State.’

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 12, § 6, amended.** The last paragraph of section 6 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘Whenever the Governor is satisfied that an emergency no longer exists, he shall annul the proclamation by another proclamation affecting the sections of the State covered by the original proclamation, or any part thereof ~~which said proclamation shall be published and posted in the same manner as provided for the issuance of the original proclamation.~~’

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 12, § 9, amended.** Section 9 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 435 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended by adding after the 2nd sentence, a new sentence, as follows:

**'Political subdivisions may accept the services of the State Personnel Department and adopt the regulations thereof for the purpose of qualifying for federal administrative funds.'**

**Sec. 5. R. S., c. 12, § 9, amended.** The first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 435 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence, as follows:

**'Counties shall have direct responsibility for civil defense and public safety in the unorganized territories within the respective counties.'**

**Sec. 6. R. S., c. 12, § 12, amended.** Section 12 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 435 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph, 2 new paragraphs, as follows:

**'Each political subdivision of the State, state departments, boards, commissions or agencies receiving surplus property for civil defense purposes shall pay to the Civil Defense and Public Safety Agency the transportation and handling costs, which shall be used to finance the surplus property program.'**

**Any sums so paid to the Civil Defense and Public Safety Agency, which remain unexpended or unencumbered at the end of any fiscal year, shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the succeeding fiscal year to be used by that agency for the same purpose.'**