

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 765**

H. P. 536

House of Representatives, February 8, 1967

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pike of Lubec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Providing for Oceanographic Research Projects by Division of Geological Survey, Department of Economic Development.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, exploration programs in ocean-oriented activities is vital to the economy and future well-being of Maine; and

Whereas, Maine should participate in the federal program relating to the Gulf of Maine by the summer of 1967; and

Whereas, there are now tentative agreements with Wood's Hole Oceanographic Laboratory and the U. S. Department of the Interior, Marine Division, to begin evaluation studies in the Gulf of Maine with the objective of core drilling in the near future; 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 R. S., T. 10, § 651, amended.** Section 651 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by chapter 204 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

**The division shall initiate at the state level oceanographic research projects to develop the mineral and petroleum potential of the Gulf of Maine, using the**

latest laboratory and field techniques and in cooperation with federal oceanographic agencies' personnel and funds.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated to the Division of Geological Survey of the Department of Economic Development the sum of \$37,050 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$38,050 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1967-68	1968-69
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(1) \$ 9,750	(1) \$10,750
All Other	27,300	27,300
	<hr/> \$37,050	<hr/> \$38,050

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.