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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1306)
107TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 813, L.D. 1355; Bill, "AN ACT to Revise and Reallocate Appropriations from the General Fund for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1977 and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the end of the Title, before the period, the following: 'and Increasing State Employees' Pay'

Further sections
/Amend said Bill by striking out all of 9 to 21 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 9. Number of necessary employees. The Governor and the State Budget Officer when next preparing a Budget Document may at their discretion adjust the figures in parentheses, representing numbers of permanent positions, to reflect the number of positions which in their opinion is necessary to the proper operation of each department, institution or agency.

Sec. 10. New or expanded programs. No department shall establish new programs or expand existing programs beyond the scope of those programs already established, recognized and approved by the Legislature, until such program and the method of financing shall be submitted to the Budget Office for evaluation and recommendation to the Legislature, and until funds are made available therefor by the Legislature.

Sec. 11. Federally funded programs. It is the intent of the Legislature that in the event matching federal funds are not available as anticipated for programs in this Act, there is no obligation to provide state funds in excess of the appropriations listed in this Act. Positions entirely or partially funded by federal or other than state sources of funds shall be considered as limited period positions, notwithstanding the figures in parentheses representing number of employees, should such funds be withdrawn or reduced.

Sec. 12. Travel limitations. It is the intent of the Legislature that out-of-state travel be limited. Any state employee who travels out-of-state on state business, such as law enforcement, collecting, bidding, industrial development, loans, etc., may continue to do so. The Legislature directs that department heads hold down cost of all travel where it is not absolutely needed.

Sec. 13. Equipment to be reviewed. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration, through the State Purchasing Agent or such other agent as he may choose, shall conduct a thorough review of all types of equipment, owned, leased or otherwise available to the several departments and agencies of the State, regardless of the source of supporting funds, combining their use, providing centralized facilities, or eliminating existing equipment and facilities, as he believes to be in the most economical, most efficient and best interest of the State.

Sec. 14. Motor vehicle replacement policy. The State Purchasing Agent is directed to require that requisitions for replacement motor vehicles include the age and total mileage of the motor vehicle being replaced. For the purposes of this section, motor vehicles are defined as passenger cars, panel and pickup trucks, excluding those vehicles operated by the State Police. It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles shall have been in service for at least 5 years or 50,000 miles before they are replaced. This policy shall also be adopted by the State Budget Officer when next preparing a Budget Document. Exceptions to the established replacement policy shall require the prior approval of the Governor and Council.

Sec. 15. Significant action recommended by Budget Officer. The Budget Office shall inform the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs through the Legislative Finance Office of significant action recommended by it in the performance of the budget responsibilities hereby assigned.

Sec. 16. Other fund payments. There shall be paid from the General Highway Fund and all other special revenue funds the cost of accounting, auditing, purchasing and legal services furnished from the General Fund appropriations. This revenue shall be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 17. Year-end closing. The controller is authorized to close the books as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1977. Any bills presented after those dates may be paid from appropriations for the ensuing year on recommendation of the controller if within the amounts of approved allotments.

Sec. 18. Appropriation balances at year end. At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state moneys, except those that carry forward as provided by law, shall lapse to Unappropriated Surplus as provided by the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 5, section 1544. At the end of each fiscal year, all encumbered appropriation balances shall not be carried more than once, except in those accounts which carry forward from year to year by law.

State Budget Officer directed to take appropriate action.

Sec. 19. The State Budget Officer is directed to take appropriate action as provided in the last paragraph of the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1667 if lapsed balances from 1975-76 are not sufficient to fund the appropriations of 1976-77 under this Act.

Sec. 20. Other appropriation measures. It is intended that the language in the preceding sections of this Act shall apply to all other appropriation measures enacted by the Legislature.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of Parts A to H and inserting in place thereof the following:

'PART A

APPROPRIATIONS FROM
GENERAL FUND

1976-77

Finance & Administration

Capital Construction and Improvements

Chapter: 103, P&SL, 1973

Stevens School

Parks & Recreation

Aeronautics

\$ (96,000)
(410,000)
(200,000)

The appropriations remaining in the above named Departments from Chapter 103 of the Private and Special Laws of 1973, may be expended among the projects enumerated in that Act in a manner determined appropriate by the respective departments.

Elderly Householder's Tax and Rent Refund
All Other

\$ 800,000

The appropriation for FY 75-76 was in excess of need, however, the appropriation for FY 76-77 is not sufficient to cover estimated needs.

Employees Group Health Insurance Program
All Other

712,000

Funds the second year of the biennium. Includes \$200,000 for the University of Maine and \$12,000 for the Maine Maritime Academy. Any balance remaining in this account at June 30, 1976 shall carry for the same purpose.

Compensation Plan

Personal Services

2,035,226

Provides funds for implementation of \$15 per week across-the-board salary increase for state employees. This increase to become effective the first pay period in October, 1976

(Total cost of this plan is \$3,835,226, the balance of \$1,800,000 to come from the estimated savings from Health Insurance Fund and salary savings.)

← Salary increases. An amount of \$15 shall be added to the weekly dollar amount of each step of the current State Salary Plan and new hourly rates shall be computed to reflect this increase, based on a 40-hour week.

← Unclassified employees subject to Governor and Council determination. With respect to unclassified employees whose wage rates are subject to Governor and Council determination the Governor and Council shall grant similar and equitable treatment.

← Unclassified employees not subject to Governor and Council determination. With respect to unclassified employees whose wage rates are not subject to determination by the Governor and Council, the authorities responsible for determining the wage rates of such employees shall grant similar and equitable treatment.

← Utilization by other funds. Wages of employees in departments supported by the Highway Fund, Special Revenue Funds or other funds shall not be adjusted from moneys provided for the General Fund Pay Plan, but shall be adjusted from funds available to the department from other sources.

Attorney General - Office of the
Chief Medical Examiner
Personal Services
All Other

21,000
35,000

Provides funds for an increase in salary for the new Chief Medical Examiner and for regular operating expenses.

Treasurer of State
Departmental Operations
All Other

400,000

Funds appropriated for FY 75-76 were in excess of needs for the Inventory Tax Reimbursement, however, the appropriation for FY 76-77 is not sufficient.

Legislative

Legislative Research
 Positions
 Personal Services
 All Other

(2)
 30,272
 13,326

Funds 2 full-time Research Technicians and 2 part-time Proofreaders and provides funds for additional printing costs.

Judicial

Supreme Judicial & Superior Courts
 Positions
 Personal Services
 All Other
 Capital

(3)
 45,500
 9,800
 2,000

Provides positions and funds for the seventh Justice.

Educational and Cultural Services

Peter Dana Point

All Other

14,000

Provides funds for Special and Adult Education and repair of buildings.

Pleasant Point

All Other

17,500

Provides funds for Special and Adult Education and repair of buildings.

Indian Island

All Other

13,000

Provides funds for Special and Adult Education and repair of buildings.

Osteopathic Loan Fund

All Other

30,000

It is the intent of the Legislature that the individual loan amount granted to each student shall not exceed the 1975-76 level.

Human Services

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Medical Care | |
| All Other | 700,000 |
| Intermediate Care | |
| All Other | 1,584,500 |
| Aid to Families with Dependent Children | |
| All Other | (4,188,400) |
| Aid to Families with Dependent Children | |
| All Other | 1,000,000 |
| Provides funds which shall be used to upgrade the % of 1969 standard of need, effective July 1, 1976. | |
| Cystic Fibrosis | |
| All Other | 17,500 |
| General Assistance | |
| All Other | 1,354,000 |
| Special Resolves | |
| All Other | (1,600) |
| Priority Social Services | |
| Elderly | |
| All Other | 144,000 |
| Non Elderly | |
| Personal Services | (5) 65,000 |
| All Other | 469,000 |
| Bureau of Rehabilitation | |
| All Other | 25,200 |
| Office of Dental Health Health | |
| Personal Services | (1) 23,000 |
| Maine Health Systems Agency, Inc. | |
| All Other | 25,000 |
| Provides necessary operating funds. | |
| Medical Audit | |
| Personal Services | (6) 72,000 |
| All Other | 8,000 |
| To provide funds for audit staff for the Department of Human Services to initiate an audit program on all pro- viders and suppliers of health and medical services, including but not limited to boarding homes, intermediate care facilities, hospitals, physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and psychologists. | |

Office of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Prevention
 Other
 Provides funds to continue operation
 of the program.

150,000

Supplemental Security Income -
 Mandatory and Optional Payments

It is the intent of the Legislature that any increases in the federal supplemental security income benefit levels, effective the same month as the federal increase takes effect, shall be passed along in the same total dollar amount of any such increase to each beneficiary in the optional program and to each beneficiary in the mandatory program who has not reached the state ceiling.

The Department shall immediately take action necessary to raise, effective July 1, the state ceiling for an individual and for a couple in the same total dollar amount as the federal SSI increase. Such pass-along of a federal benefit increase shall not be made to individuals in foster homes or boarding homes. In the event that funds are available and without limiting the pass-alongs outlined herein, the Department may, in its discretion, provide for increased payment rates to foster homes and boarding homes.

Any unexpended balance of this account shall not be transferred to another account and shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward in the same account from year to year to be expended for the same purpose.

| | <u>1976-77</u> |
|---|----------------|
| <u>Governor's Committee on Children & Youth</u> | |
| Unallocated | - 3,000 |
| <u>Advisory Council on the Status of Women</u> | |
| Unallocated | - 2,500 |
| <u>Maine Human Services Council</u> | |
| Personal Services | (1) 17,300 |
| All Other | 10,900 |
| <u>Mental Health & Corrections</u> | |
| Community Mental Health | |
| All Other | 335,000 |

Funds to pick up the declining federal share of support to mental health centers.

| | |
|--|-----------|
| <u>Pineland Center</u> | |
| Unallocated | 300,000 |
| <p>Provides funds to upgrade the facilities and increase staffing up to 60 positions to meet the intermediate care facility standards. Any balance of this appropriation remaining June 30, 1977 shall not lapse but shall carry forward into the next fiscal year to be expended for the same purposes.</p> | |
| <u>Correctional Program Improvement</u> | |
| All Other | 100,000 |
| <p>Maintenance of community programs for juvenile and adult correctional clients (halfway houses, etc). Also provides for a correctional system contingency.</p> | |
| <u>Community Mental Retardation Services</u> | |
| All Other | 100,000 |
| <p>Maintenance of programs in three regions of the State supplying services, training, monitoring of boarding and nursing homes with retarded citizens.</p> | |
| <u>Pharos House</u> | |
| All Other | 15,000 |
| <p>Maintenance of halfway house which does house inmates in prerelease status.</p> | |
| <u>Cerebral Palsy Centers</u> | |
| All Other | 20,000 |
| <u>Teacher Retirement</u> | |
| All Other | 1,000,000 |
| <p>Provides funds to comply with actuarial requirements.</p> | |
| <u>Probate Laws Revision Commission</u> | |
| All Other | 2 0 |
| <p>Provides funds to complete Commission study.</p> | |

District Court
Administration
 Unallocated

50,000

Provides additional funds for
 electronic recording and transcripts.
 Increases undedicated revenue \$50,000
 in 1976-77.

Department of Defense
and Veterans Services

Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness

Personal Services

(-9) (52,041)

All Other

(15,784)

Capital

(2,175)

Reduces positions and related expenditures
 for 1976-77.

Services to Veterans

All Other

(60,782)

Reduces funding level in 1976-77.

Personal Services

11,250

Provides funds to re-open a Bureau of
 Veterans Services Office in Aroostook
 County.

Capital Construction Repairs/Improvements:

Capital

37,000

Provides funds for development of
 additional burial spaces at the
 Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Saco River Corridor Commission

Unallocated

12,500

Provides operating funds

Executive

Governor's Office/Executive Council

Personal Services

(38,665)

All Other

(15,000)

Reduces appropriation for Executive
 Council since it has been abolished.

Criminal Justice Planning & Assistance Agency

All Other

(67,000)

Reduces funding level of matching appropriation.

Finance and Administration

Bureau of Taxation - Administration

Personal Services

(-3) (25,000)

All Other

(5,000)

Reduces 3 positions in sales tax due to different collection procedure on casual sales. Increases undedicated revenue \$160,000 in FY 76-77.

Maine Insurance Advisory Board

All Other

(75,000)

Reduces appropriation due to reduction in premiums.

Secretary of State

Maine State Archives

Archives - Administration

All Other

(25,000)

Reduces funding level in 76-77.

Pine Tree Legal Assistance

Unallocated

40,000

Provides funding for legal services for poor and low-income people.

University of Maine

General Activities

All Other

800,000

Provides additional operating funds.

Student Aid

All Other

200,000

Provides additional funds. These funds shall not be used for any other purpose.

Maritime Academy
 General Activities
 All Other

114,000

Provides funds for employee salary increase.

(50,000)

Capital Construction/Repairs

Deletes funding for land acquisition provided in c. 78 P & S, 1975.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND- PART A

\$7,676,320

PART B

1976-77

Sec. 1. Education and Cultural Services
 General Purpose Aid for Local Schools
 All Other

7,525,758

Provides an additional \$3,000,000 for loss of Federal Revenue Sharing and an additional \$4,525,758 in 76-77 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of P.L. 1975, C. 660.

Sec. 2 Allocation of bonds authorized. Bonds authorized in the private and special laws of 1973; chapter 136, section 3, as amended by the public laws of 1973, chapter 783, section 50, are allocated as follows:

1976-77

Education and Cultural Services
 General Purpose Aid for Local Schools
 Allocation

1,340,000

Sec. 3. P&SL, 1975, c. 40, §1, last 4 lines are amended to

read:

| 0308 Education - General Purpose Aid for Local Schools | 2-580 | 1975-76 | 1976-77 |
|---|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Unallocated | | \$15,500,000 | \$15,500,000 |
| | | <u>14,000,000</u> | <u>14,000,000</u> |
| Total Allocations | | \$15,500,000 | \$15,500,000 |
| | | 14,000,000 | 14,000,000 |

Sec. 4. Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, the Department of Educational and Cultural Services is authorized to expend from such appropriations and allocations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, a sum not to exceed \$6,200,000 of the appropriations from the General Fund and a sum not to exceed \$1,340,000 of the allocation of the proceeds of bonds for the purpose of completing payment of allocations to local school units at their computed allocation entitlement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976.

Sec. 5. The appropriations and allocations provided for General Purpose Aid for Local Schools in 1976-77 shall be expended for the purposes listed below under Parts A, B, & C of this section as modified by Sec. 6.

1976-1977Part A

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Elementary & Secondary Operations | \$200,400,000 |
| 2. Special Education - Local Programs | 7,929,770 |
| 3. Special Education - Tuition | 3,195,000 |
| 4. Vocational Education | 5,967,828 |
| 5. Transportation - Operations | 13,903,403 |
| 6. Transportation - Bus Purchases | 1,965,668 |
| 7. Capital Outlay | 710,164 |
| 8. Debt Service | <u>26,000,000</u> |
| Gross Allocation | \$260,071,833 |
| Less P.L. 874 Funds | <u>2,400,000</u> |
| Net Allocation | \$257,671,833 |

Part B

| | |
|--|----------------|
| 1. Local Leeway - For conversion to Uniform Fiscal Year | 2,632,377 |
| 2. Optional Local Appropriations with State Participation | 3,300,000 |
| 3. Geographic Isolation | 285,639 |
| 4. Unusual Enrollment Increases | 600,000 |
| 5. Private School Transportation | 180,000 |
| 6. Major Capital Fund | <u>555,000</u> |
| Total | 7,553,016 |

Part C

| | |
|---|-----------|
| To Provide Funds to Make Full Payment to School Administrative Units at the Level of Computed Entitlements for the Fiscal Year 1975-76 | 7,540,000 |
|---|-----------|

Sec. 6. Limit of State's Obligation. In the event that the State's computed obligation for any individual program contained within Part A, B, or C exceeds the level of funding provided for that program, any unexpended balances occurring in other programs within that Part may be applied to avoid proration of payments for any individual program.

However, in the event that the total level of funding obligations within any given Part exceeds the level of funding provided for that Part, all payments to school administrative units shall be adjusted to remain within the appropriation provided for that Part. In the event that a balance exists in item 2 of Part B, such balance may be applied to meet any funding deficiency which may occur in item 1 of Part B. After all payments have been made, all unexpended balances occurring in Parts A, B, and C of section 5 shall be credited to the Major Capital Construction Fund which shall be a non-lapsing fund.

1976-77

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| TOTALS - PART B | |
| General Fund | \$7,525,758 |
| Bond Allocations | 1,340,000 |

PART C

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1511 is enacted to read:

§1511. Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital

The State Controller is authorized, at the close of each fiscal year, to transfer from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Reserve for General Fund Operating Capital such amounts as may be available from time to time up to an amount of \$1,000,000 per year until a maximum of \$25,000,000 shall be achieved.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 4165, as last^{amended} by PL 1973 C. 788, §143 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§4165. Unorganized Territory School Fund

There shall continue in existence the Unorganized Territory School Fund which shall include the existing principal of said fund arising from the public reserved lands prior to October 3, 1973 and any accrued but unexpended income from said fund as of said date. Said fund shall be held and administered by the Treasurer of State. The income only of said fund shall be credited to the General Fund in lieu of educational expenditures from other General Fund revenues.

Sec. 3. The State Controller shall credit unexpended balances of^{income of} the Unorganized Territory School Fund subsequent to October 3, 1973 to the General Fund.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA §1461, sub-§4 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

4. Balances. Any unencumbered balance in the Unorganized Territory School Fund in excess of \$50,000 at the end of each fiscal year shall lapse to the General Fund.

Sec. 5. PL 1975, c. 601, §2 is amended by adding at the
and the following new paragraph:

Any balance over \$25,000 remaining in this appropriation
as of June 30, 1976 shall not lapse but shall be carried
forward to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976 and ending
June 30, 1977, to be expended by the Post-Secondary Education
Commission for the operating expenses of the commission.

Sec. 6. P&SL 1975, c. 78, §18, the last paragraph, first sentence,
 under the caption "EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, Education -
 Grant/Loan/Scholarship Fund" is amended to read:

~~Includes \$32,000 for 1975-76 and \$64,000 for 1976-77 and authorizes~~
 the State Department of Educational and Cultural Services to enter into
 an-agreement agreements to secure four (4) positions for Maine applicants at
~~the-University-of-Pennsylvania-in-a-complete-course-of-study-in-its-School-~~
~~of-Veterinary-Medicine, an accredited school of veterinary medicine, in~~
a complete course of study in veterinary medicine, and to guarantee and pay
 to said University institutions not more than \$8,000 annually for each
 position.

Sec. 7. 5 MRSA § 150, 2nd ¶, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 156, is
 further amended to read:

The Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor and Council, may
 negotiate a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes levied for that
 fiscal year but not exceeding a total of \$10,000,000 \$25,000,000. The
 Treasurer of State is directed to pay such loan or loans in anticipation of
 taxes during such year and there is appropriated for any year in which the
 Treasurer of State and the Governor and Council deem it necessary to borrow
 in anticipation of taxes the sum of \$10,000,000 \$25,000,000.

Sec. 8. 30 M.R.S.A. § 5055, sub-§ 5, as last amended by 1971, c. 605, § 1, is further amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:
Effective July 1, 1976 and thereafter, distribution under this section shall be limited to an amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.

Sec. 9. Notwithstanding the provisions of ^{the Revised Statutes,} Title 4, § 164, sub-§ 3, an additional sum of \$100,000 shall be deposited in the District Court Building Fund for the fiscal year 1975-76 for Androscoggin County, Arceuthook County and Piscataquis County facilities.

Sec. 10. 5 M.R.S.A. § 135, (third) sentence, is amended to read:

Interest earned on such investments of moneys shall be credited to the respective funds, except that interest earned on investments of special-revenue-funds Other Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Intragovernmental Service Funds shall be credited to the General Fund of the State.

Sec. 11. Notwithstanding any law or regulation, the following funds of the State shall repay a portion of their outstanding loans from the General Fund during 1976-77 as set forth opposite their names:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Seed Potato Board Fund | \$ 15,000 |
| State Lottery Fund | 100,000 |
| Postal, Printing and Supply Fund | 50,000 |
| Schooling of Children in Unorganized Territory Fund | 50,000 |
| Total | \$215,000 |

Sec. 12. 20 M.R.S.A. § 3451, as amended by PL 1973, § 358, is repealed.

Sec. 13. The State Controller shall credit unexpended balances of principal and income of the Permanent School Fund to the General Fund.

Sec. 14. Department of Audit, Municipal Division.
 Any balance above \$50,000, effective June 30, 1976, and each year thereafter shall lapse to the General Fund.

Sec. 15. P&SL 1975, c. 78, §19, amended.

That part of section 19 of chapter 78 of the private and special laws of 1975 under the caption "Environmental Protection" is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

Any balance remaining June 30, 1976 shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1977 to be expended for the same purpose.

Sec. 16. P&SL 1975, c. 78, §18, amended.

That part of section 18 of chapter 78 of the private and special laws of 1975 under the caption "Department of Transportation" which relates to Capital Improvements is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

Any balance remaining June 30, 1976 shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1977 to be expended for the same purpose.

Sec. 17. P&SL 1975, c. 78, §18, amended.

That part of section 18 of chapter 78 of the private and special laws of 1975 under the caption "Legislative" which relates to Legislature is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

Any unexpended balance remaining June 30, 1976 shall not lapse but shall carry forward from year to year to be expended for the same purpose.

Sec. 18. P&SL 1975, c. 103, §1, amended.

That part of section 1 of chapter 103 of the private and special laws of 1975 under the caption "Educational and Cultural Services" which relates to Library is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

Any unexpended balance remaining June 30, 1976 shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1977 to be expended for the same purpose.

Sec. 19. P&SL 1975, c. 78, §19, amended.

That part of section 19 of chapter 78 of the private and special laws of 1975, under the caption "Attorney General" is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

Also provides funds for consultant fees for intervention in the Central Maine Power rate proceeding now pending before the PUC. Any balance remaining June 30, 1976 shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1977 to be expended for the same purpose:

Sec. 20. P&SL 1975, c. 78, §18, amended.

That part of section 18 of chapter 78 of the private and special laws of 1975 under the caption "Executive" which relates to Law Enforcement Planning and Assistance Agency is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

Any balance remaining June 30, 1976 shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1977 to be expended for the same purpose.

Sec. 21. P&SL 1973, c. 150, §6, first sentence is amended to ;

~~K The commission shall prepare a biennial budget, and shall submit to the legislature requests for appropriations sufficient to carry out its assigned tasks.~~

Sec. 22. P&SL 1973, c. 150, §26, 2nd sentence is repealed as follows:
~~The funds derived from the collection of such fees shall be paid into the General Fund of the State.~~

Sec. 23. P&SL 1975, c. 90, §G, amended.

That part of section G of chapter 90 of the private and special laws of 1975 under the caption "Maine Human Services Council" is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

Any balance remaining June 30, 1976 shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1977 to be expended for the same purpose.

PART D

5 MRSa §16 is enacted to read:

§16. Vacation and sick leave accumulation

1. Vacation time. Classified and unclassified state employees shall be permitted to accumulate at least the vacation time listed under the following schedule;

| <u>Longevity of employee</u> | <u>Rate of accumulation</u> |
|------------------------------|---|
| <u>0-5 years</u> | <u>1 day per month of employment</u> |
| <u>6-10 years</u> | <u>1 1/4 days per month of employment</u> |
| <u>11-15 years</u> | <u>1 1/2 days per month of employment</u> |
| <u>16-20 years</u> | <u>1 3/4 days per month of employment</u> |
| <u>20 years or more</u> | <u>2 days per month of employment</u> |

~~K~~ Classified and unclassified employees accumulating vacation time under this subsection shall be permitted to accumulate at

least

the number of vacation days set out under the following schedule:

| <u>Longevity of employee</u> | <u>Number of Accumulated Days Permitted at Any One Time</u> |
|------------------------------|---|
| <u>1-14 years</u> | <u>24 days</u> |
| <u>15 years or more</u> | <u>30 days.</u> |

2. Sick leave. Classified and unclassified employees shall earn at least one day of sick leave per month of employment and shall be permitted to accumulate days of sick leave up to at least 90 day at any one time.

3. Regulations. The State Board of Personnel shall, acting under section 592, prescribe or amend rules and regulations to assure that state personnel policy conforms to the minimums set out in this section. The minimum limits contained in this section shall not be construed to be maximum limits, and the State Personnel Board may prescribe or amend rules and regulations permitting accumulation of vacation leave and sick leave beyond the limits set forth here for limited categories of state employees for state employees in special situations, or for all classified or unclassified state employees.

PART E

Resolves, 1961, c. 35, next to last ¶ is amended to read:

Director of Public Improvements; authorized to grant certain easements. Resolved: That the Director of Public Improvements, with the approval of the Governor and

Council, is authorized to grant to the Augusta Sewerage District and other public utilities such easements as may be mutually agreed upon, on terms that may be mutually agreed upon, covering the location of underground pipelines and mains for the purpose of conveying sewage and storm water and other public utilities across, through and under certain land of the State in Augusta.

PART F

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA Pt. 17, c. 371, is enacted to read:

PART 17

STATUS OF WOMEN

CHAPTER 371

MAINE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

§ 7021. Commission established

In order to promote, carry out and coordinate programs designed to improve opportunities for women in the State, there is established an independent commission to be known as the Maine Commission for Women, hereinafter referred to in this chapter as the "commission."

§ 7022. Membership

The commission shall consist of 17 members, including 9 appointed by the Governor, 4 appointed by the President of the Senate and 4 appointed by the Speaker of the House. In making these appointments to the commission, the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall consider and appoint residents of the State who have a knowledge of problems facing Maine women and who provide leadership in programs or activities which are carried out to improve opportunities for women. The members of the commission, chosen from throughout the State, shall include but not be limited to representatives of minority, low income, youth and elderly groups.

§ 7023. Term of office

Members shall be appointed for 2-year terms, except of those members first appointed, 5 appointed by the Governor, 2 appointed by the President of the Senate and 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House shall be appointed for 2-year terms, and the remainder shall be appointed for one-year terms. The term of office of each member shall be designated at the time of appointment.

Members may serve after the expiration of their terms until their successors have taken office. The Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House may terminate the membership of their respective appointees for good and just cause and the reason for the termination shall be communicated in writing to each member whose term is so terminated. The appointment of any member of the commission shall be terminated if the member is absent from 3 consecutive meetings without communicating good and just cause to the chairman.

§ 7024. Vacancies

Members appointed to fill vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which their predecessor was appointed shall serve only for the remainder of that term and shall be appointed by the same person who appointed their predecessor. Any vacancy on the commission shall not affect its powers.

§ 7025. Chairperson

The Governor shall select from among the members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson both of whom shall serve for one year. These selections shall be made each year prior to the first meeting of the commission. The chairperson is authorized to appoint subcommittees.

§ 7026. Powers and duties

The commission shall have the powers and duties to advise and consult with the Governor and the Legislature about and to assist them in improving opportunities for Maine women by:

1. Research. Carrying out research programs which are necessary to determine the status of Maine women;
2. Activities. Promoting and coordinating activities on state and local levels designed to meet the problems of women;
3. Advocate. Serving as an advocate for Maine women by making recommendations on proposed budgetary, legislative and policy actions to the Governor, Legislature and to other officials of State and Federal Government with respect to state and federal policies, programs and other activities affecting or relating to the women of Maine;
4. Information. Informing the public about the presence or absence of opportunities for Maine women;

5. Meetings. Conducting public hearings, conferences, workshops and other such meetings to obtain information about, discuss and publicize the needs of and solutions to problems of women; and

6. Reports. Making a biennial report to the Governor and Legislature concerning the work and interests of the commission.

§ 7027. Meetings; compensation

The commission shall meet at the call of the chairman and not less than 4 times during each year. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the work of the commission at the same rate as state employees.

§ 7028. Staff; funding

The commission is authorized to employ staff and consultants, and to accept and use any funding available to it in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA § 1, first ¶, 2nd sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 793, § 1, is amended to read:

It shall also include the Committee on Children and Youth, the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Maine Committee on Aging and the Maine Human Services Council.

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Sec. 1.

3 MRSA §173, sub-§3, ¶A, 3rd through 7th ¶¶ as enacted

by PL 1971, c. 480, §1, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The Legislature, state administrative departments, bureaus, agencies and commissions, and the Judicial Department, shall be sold or furnished copies necessary for legislative, administrative or judicial purposes under rules and regulations promulgated by the State Law Librarian.

Copies shall be sent, on an exchange basis, to the Library of Congress, secretary of the Maine State Bar Association, the Supreme Court Library of Canada and to each state or territorial library in the United States.

One copy of the laws passed by each session of the Legislature shall be given to each member thereof, the Secretary of the Senate, the Assistant Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Assistant Clerk of the House.

At any time prior to January 3, 1979, one copy of the latest unannotated revision of the statutes and any available supplement thereto shall be given to each Member of the Legislature who has not previously received such a copy as a Member of the Legislature which enacted the revision or a Legislature which met in regular session after the effective date of such revision of statutes.

On or after January 3, 1979, each Member of the Legislature may, while holding office, purchase at the state price or obtain on loan under rules and regulations promulgated by the State Law Librarian, the latest annotated revision of the statutes and the current supplement thereto.

The remaining copies of the revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the session laws shall be held in the library for exchange or library use, except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 2. Supplements. ← → Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 3, section 164, subsection 8, no pocket parts shall be caused to be published for volumes of the unannotated Revised Statutes, or any replacement or recompiled volumes thereof, following final adjournment of the 107th Legislature.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment makes certain necessary changes in appropriations and allocations and provides the funding to finance the same.

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