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Legislative Document

No. 1273

S. P. 458

In Senate, March 4, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Towns and Counties. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Jamieson of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Expending Aroostook County Funds for Ricker
College.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Ricker college being the only college in northern Maine that furnishes the opportunity for a college education at modest cost to great numbers of deserving youths of Aroostook county; and

Whereas, even though Ricker college tuition was, for the college year 1952-53 increased to the highest level consistent with sound operating practice, yet operational costs of the college exceed income; and

Whereas, Ricker college has at present no income whatever from endowment; and

Whereas, unless additional income, to the extent of at least \$10,000 per year may be found, Ricker college will have to close its doors; and

Whereas, such an eventuality would result in the denial of college educational opportunities to large numbers of Aroostook county youths; and

Whereas, education is an eminently proper purpose for the expenditure of county funds; and

Whereas, the immediate need for such additional funds is urgent if Ricker college is to continue to operate; and

Whereas, in the opinion of the legislature, these facts render the immediate passage of this act necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine; and therefore,

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

R. S., c. 79, § 15-C, additional. Chapter 79 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 15-C, to read as follows:

'Sec. 15-C. Appropriation for college education in Aroostook county. Aroostook county may expend not exceeding the sum of \$10,000 annually, for Ricker college, to be paid to the treasurer of said college on or before July 1, of the year for which it is appropriated, and to be expended by the trustees of Ricker college for general operations.'

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