

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundredth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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

Sec. 1. Maine Committee on Problems of Mentally Retarded, reactivated. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a committee of 11 members, consisting of one each from the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Department of Education, and 8 representative citizens, and shall designate the chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties of committee. The Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded shall continue the study of Maine's mentally retarded begun by the Citizens Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded. The committee shall provide leadership and stimulation, at the state and local level, for the many organizations that are interested in the problems of the mentally retarded in Maine. It shall distribute materials, provide information and furnish speakers at request. It shall report to the Governor and members of the 101st Legislature not later than January, 1963.

Sec. 3. Authority to appoint executive secretary and subcommittees. The Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded is authorized to appoint an executive secretary and to organize subcommittees to assist in carrying out the provisions of section 2.

Sec. 4. Time of meetings; expenses. Said committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman, not less than 6 times during the biennium. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$13,836 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$14,444 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to carry out the purposes of this act.

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

Effective June 17, 1961

Chapter 212

AN ACT Creating a Constitutional Commission.

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

Sec. 1. Commission. The Governor shall appoint a bipartisan commission of 10 persons to study the Constitution of the State of Maine.

Sec. 2. Report. The commission shall report to the next regular session of the Legislature such changes and amendments to the Constitution of the State as may appear to be necessary or desirable. For this purpose the commission may employ such technical and clerical assistance as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 to carry out the purposes of this act. Such appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1963.

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 213

AN ACT Merging Portland University with the University of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. Transfer of assets and control of Portland University to the University of Maine. The trustees of Portland University, incorporated in 1921 and reorganized and chartered as a nonprofit, charitable and educational corporation in 1945 under the laws of the State of Maine, having voted to transfer, assign and convey to the University of Maine all of its physical assets, real and personal, belonging to and used in connection with the obligation of said Portland University, and the trustees of the University of Maine having voted to accept the same, subject to authority therefor being granted, the University of Maine is authorized to accept title to the said assets when transferred and conveyed and the University of Maine shall thereupon assume the care, control and disposition of said property of Portland University, together with all its duties and legal obligations and management of its former affairs.

Upon transfer and conveyance of said assets, Portland University shall be operated as an integral part of the University of Maine and shall be governed by its board of trustees in accordance with the duties and powers conferred upon them by law.

Sec. 2. Termination. Upon completion of the transfer of assets as stated above, the corporate existence of Portland University shall terminate.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and the sum of \$75,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to carry out the purposes of this act.

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 214

AN ACT to Authorize the Municipalities of Etna and Plymouth to Form a School Administrative District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, there is a vital need for safe and adequate school facilities in the municipalities; and

Whereas, the school programs of the area could be improved and more efficiently and economically operated; and