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E. Working with comparable agencies of state government in the other New England states, and with New England regional agencies, in developing a regional approach to the drug problem;

F. Making an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature of its activities. Such report shall contain recommendations for changes in the laws of Maine relating to drug abuse which, in the opinion of the commission, are necessary to the best interests of the State and its people. In preparing such recommendations and reports, the commission may engage expert advisors and assistants who may serve without compensation or, to the extent that funds may be made available by appropriation, grant, gift or allocation from a state department, the commission may pay for such expert advisors and assistance.

§ 3366. Authority

1. Authority. In carrying out its coordinating responsibilities at the state level, and in providing support and guidance to the drug abuse efforts of local government and private groups, the commission shall have the authority and obligation to:

A. Examine all requests for appropriations or program grants relating to drug abuse made by state agencies and advise the Governor, Budget Bureau and Legislature of its findings and recommendations. It shall be the responsibility of all departments to advise the commission of their budgetary requests relating to drug abuse concurrently with their submission to the Governor. The departments shall, in the implementation of their programs, keep the commission fully informed of their progress and of any changes in policy;

B. Supervise the disbursement of all state funds appropriated for the purpose of helping local and regional government agencies and private groups deal with drug abuse. All such local and regional governmental agencies and all such private groups seeking state assistance shall be required to file applications with the commission. The commission shall establish appropriate rules and regulations for the processing of these applications. No grants of state funds to local or regional governmental agencies or to private groups shall be made without commission approval.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 380

AN ACT Relating to Time of Sending County Estimates to Secretary of State and Municipalities.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 252, amended. The first paragraph of section 252 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 541 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

In order to assess a county tax, county commissioners, ~~at their regular session next before the first of each January in which the Legislature meets in regular session~~ prior to December 1st before the convening of the Legisla-

ture, shall prepare estimates of the sums necessary to defray the expenses which have accrued or may probably accrue ~~for one year from said day for the coming year~~, including the building and repairing of jails, courthouses and appurtenances, with the debts owed by their counties and like estimates for the succeeding year, and after newspaper notice, written notices of which shall be transmitted by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested to the clerk of each municipality in said county and to each member of the Legislature of said county, hold a public hearing thereon in the county, **prior to December 20th**, and the county tax for both said years shall be granted by the Legislature separately at the same session.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 252, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 252 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 541 of the public laws of 1967, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

A copy of such estimate shall be distributed to each municipality in said county and to each member of the legislative delegation of said county, at least 10 days prior to meeting of December 20th.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 252, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 252 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 541 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

Copies of such forms shall be transmitted to the county commissioners of each county by the office of the Secretary of State no later than ~~November 10th~~ **October 10th** of each biennium.

Prior to the convening of the Legislature, the county commissioners of each county shall meet with the respective county legislative delegation to finalize estimates for each year of the biennium.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 30, § 253, amended. The 2nd sentence, as enacted by chapter 162 of the public laws of 1965, and the last sentence, both of section 253 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, are amended to read as follows:

A copy of said estimates shall be transmitted by registered mail by the county commissioners to each municipality in their respective counties on or before ~~the first day of each February in which the Legislature meets~~ **the 20th day of December in the year prior to convening of the Legislature.** A copy thereof shall be signed by the chairman of the county commissioners and attested by their clerk, who shall transmit it to the office of the Secretary of State on or before the ~~15th 20th~~ **20th** day of each ~~February~~ **January** in which the Legislature meets, together with the county reports for the 2 preceding years, to be by him laid before the Legislature.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 381

AN ACT Expanding the Definition of "Mentally Ill Individual" to Permit Hospitalization of Persons Suffering from the Effects of the Use of Drugs.

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

R. S., T. 34, § 2251, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 2251 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows: