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Governor with the advice and consent of the Council to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Council, hereinafter in this part called the commissioner, and the following as heretofore created and established: The Department of Health and Welfare, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, the Committee on Children and Youth, the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Committee on Aging.

The Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf and the Division of Sanitary Engineering of the Department of Health and Welfare as heretofore created and established shall not be included within the Department of Human Services.

Sec. 2. Organization. The Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization, with the assistance of the commissioner, shall prepare a plan of organization of the department into such bureaus, divisions and sections as may be necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the department. The committee, with the assistance of the commissioner, shall prepare legislation to be presented to a special session of the 105th Legislature to amend, repeal and rearrange statutes to reflect this department's powers, responsibilities and organization.

Directors of bureaus shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Council.

The commissioner shall prepare a budget for the department in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 149.

The commissioner and the Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization may recommend the legislation for the transfer from or to another state department such functions as would appear to properly belong to the other department or to his department. The commissioner shall have no powers or duties relative to the proposed department except those listed in this section.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

Effective September 24, 1971

Chapter 494

AN ACT Relating to the Secretary of State.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 81, amended. The first sentence of section 81 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The Department of the Secretary of State, as heretofore established, shall consist of the Secretary of State, the State Archives, the Bureau of Watercraft Registration and Safety, the Snowmobile Licensing Bureau of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game and such other state departments and

agencies as are by law subject to the direction of the Secretary of State. The secretary shall keep his office at the seat of government; have the custody of the state seal and preserve all records in such office, at the expense of the State.

Sec. 2. Organization. The Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization, with the assistance of the secretary, shall prepare a plan of organization and reorganization of the department into such bureaus, divisions and sections as may be necessary to carry on efficiently the work of the department. The committee, with the assistance of the secretary, shall prepare legislation to be presented to a special session of the 105th Legislature to amend, repeal and rearrange statutes to reflect this department's powers, responsibilities and organization.

The secretary shall prepare a budget for the department in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 149.

The secretary and the Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization may recommend the legislation for the transfer from or to another state department such functions as would appear to properly belong to the other department or to his department. The commissioner shall have no powers or duties except those listed in this section.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

Effective September 24, 1971

Chapter 495

AN ACT to Create the Department of Military and Civil Defense.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 37, c. 9, additional. Title 37 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 9 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND CIVIL DEFENSE

§ 301. Department

There is created and established the Department of Military and Civil Defense to coordinate and improve the discharge of State Government's responsibilities relating to the military, veterans, civil defense and public safety, to consist of the Adjutant General and the following as heretofore created and established: The military department including the Office of the Adjutant General, the Department of Civil Defense and Public Safety and the Department of Veterans Services.