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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

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AT THE

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To carry out this section, there shall be a biennial appropriation known as the Military Fund, from which payment is to be made by the Treasurer of State upon vouchers issued by the Adjutant General to the State Controller.

Sec. 42. 38 MRSA §§ 90-A and 90-B are enacted to read:

§ 90-A. Reports; liaison; limitations

On or before August 1st of each year, the commission shall submit to the Commissioner of Transportation, for the preceding fiscal year ending June 30th its annual report of its operations and financial position, together with such comments and recommendations as the commission deems essential.

The commissioner shall act as a liaison between the commission and the Governor.

The commissioner shall not have the authority to exercise or interfere with the exercise of discretionary, regulatory or licensing authority granted by statute to the commission.

§ 90-B. Budget

The commission shall submit to the Commissioner of Transportation its budgetary requirements in the same manner as is provided in Title 5, section 1665, and the commissioner shall in turn transmit these requirements to the Bureau of the Budget without any revision, alteration or change.

Sec. 43. Application. It is the intent of the Legislature that the reorganization of certain boards and commissions under this Act and the affiliation of certain boards and commissions with departments of Maine State Government under this Act shall have no effect whatsoever upon the personnel, whether classified or unclassified, of those boards and commissions which are reorganized or affiliated under this Act. This section shall not apply to the personnel of those boards and commissions which are repealed under this Act.

Sec. 44. Transitional clause for the Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 291, 2nd paragraph. This Act shall not affect the terms of those members of the Municipal Valuation Appeals Board appointed prior to the effective date of this Act, but shall govern all appointments made thereafter. As vacancies become available subsequent to the effective date of this Act, the Governor may use his discretion in the sequence with which he satisfies appointment to the classes of members listed in the Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 291, 2nd paragraph.

Effective July 6, 1978

CHAPTER 605

AN ACT to Establish the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA c. 10 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 10

MAINE-CANADIAN LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMISSION

AND OFFICE

§ 221. Title

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission Act."

§ 222. Policy and purpose

The Legislature finds that there exists between Maine and its neighboring Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, a broad range of shared experience, cultural traditions, social and economic conditions and common goals, including shared recognition of the urgent need to strengthen human services, to effectively use and conserve our natural resources and to pursue economic development within a framework of responsible environmental regulation.

The Legislature further finds that Maine enjoys with these provinces an increasing level of cooperation, commerce and other interaction as the opportunity and need for this interaction are increasingly recognized by both public and private officials.

The Legislature declares that it attaches the highest importance to the pursuit of common goals and to the further strengthening of relations in all areas between Maine and the Canadian Provinces.

The Legislature further declares that one of the best ways of pursuing these common goals and of strengthening these relations is to encourage understanding and cooperation between itself and the legislative bodies of the Canadian Provinces and thus between the citizens of Maine and those of the Provinces of Canada.

§ 223. Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office

There is established a Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office which shall be concerned with strengthening all areas of regional cooperation between the Legislature of Maine and the legislative bodies of Maine's neighboring Canadian Provinces, and with encouraging economic, cultural and educational exchange between Maine and these provinces.

§ 224. Director

The executive head of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office shall be the director, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate with the approval of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission. The director shall be paid a salary fixed by the Legislative Council from sums available under section 226. The director shall be able to speak the French language fluently. He shall report to and be subject to the direction of the Legislative Council.

§ 225. Director; powers and duties

The director of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office shall:

1. Recommend ways to strengthen regional cooperation. Recommend to the Legislature methods of strengthening all areas of regional cooperation with Canada;

2. Study and evaluate existing activities. Study and evaluate existing activities in the State on both the governmental and private levels involving cooperation with Canada, and particularly with the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island;

3. Determine new areas for cooperation. Determine new areas for fruitful regional cooperation, with particular attention to the potential for social betterment, economic growth, improved natural resource utilization and management and the enhancement of the environment;

4. Encourage exchanges. Encourage and assist economic, governmental, cultural and educational exchanges and other modes of improved contact with Canada;

5. Disseminate information. Disseminate information on Canadian relations to the public; and

6. Administer certain funds. Administer those funds which may be available to it for the purposes of assisting in the development of improved relations and cooperation both between Maine and Canada, especially between the Legislature of Maine and the legislative bodies of Canada.

§ 226. Funds

Funds from the Federal Government, state appropriation, or from any individual, group, foundation, corporation or other private source may be accepted by the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office and expended for purposes consistent with this chapter.

§ 227. Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission

There is established the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission. The

commission shall consist of 7 members, all of whom shall be citizens of this State. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 4 members, 2 for a term of one year and 2 for a term of 2 years. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 members, 2 for a term of one year and 1 for a term of 2 years. At least one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House shall be fluent in the French language. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at the rate then current for state employees from any funds available under section 226. Four members shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall designate one of its members as chairman.

§ 228. Duties; meetings

The commission shall advise the director in the carrying out of his powers and duties, shall assist him in encouraging increased cooperation between Maine and Canada, and especially between the Legislature of Maine and the legislative bodies of Canada and shall assist him in encouraging economic, cultural and educational exchanges between Maine and the Canadian Provinces. The commission shall meet at least 4 times in each year with the director and at such other times on the call of the chairman, at the request of the director or at the request of any member, as shall be necessary to carry out the duties outlined in this section.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 351, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 3. PL 1977, c. 579, SECTION J, Sec. 4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

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Maine-Canadian Legislative
Advisory Commission

Positions (2)

Personal Services \$24,286