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OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to a special compensation account the sums of \$2,089,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and \$3,121,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, to implement the economic terms agreed to by the State and Council 74, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for the Institutional Services Bargaining Unit.

**Sec. 2. Funding.** The funding provided by this Act shall include retirement costs and shall be available for all employees covered by this agreement between the State and Council 74, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, except that employees supported from sources of funding other than the General Fund shall be funded whenever possible from those sources.

**Sec. 3. Special account.** The funding provided shall be segregated into a special compensation account to be made available as needed upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer with the approval of the Governor.

**Sec. 4. Salary schedule revision.** The current state salary plan for employees in this bargaining unit shall be adjusted on July 1, 1979, and July 1, 1980, to reflect the salary provisions of this negotiated agreement.

**Sec. 5. Effect.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of the agreement between the State and Council 74, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees shall prevail.

Notwithstanding the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 11, the State Controller is authorized to implement the salary benefits that become effective July 1, 1979, and July 1, 1980.

**Sec. 6. Carrying clause.** Any balances remaining from previous salary accounts and any balances remaining from salary accounts established by this Act shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1981.

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

Effective June 8, 1979

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## CHAPTER 35

H. P. 710 — L. D. 863

AN ACT Converting the Unorganized Township of Edmunds into the Town of Edmunds.

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

**Sec. 1. Town of Edmunds, incorporated.** The unincorporated township of Edmunds, with its inhabitants, is incorporated into a town by the name of Edmunds. The inhabitants of this town are vested with the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within the State do or may enjoy. The town created shall take the effects belonging to the unorganized township of Edmunds and shall also assume all of its obligations.

**Sec. 2. Legislative district.** Until the next legislative apportionment of Representatives, the Town of Edmunds shall remain in the same legislative district in which the unorganized township of Edmunds is now classed.

**Sec. 3. First meeting; how called.** Upon acceptance of this Act by referendum as provided in section 6, the county commissioners of Washington County shall issue a warrant, in accordance with the general laws, for the first town meeting, to be held in March, April, May or June, 1980. Notification of the town meeting shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 4. Education; allocation.** The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall establish a basic education allocation for fiscal year 1980-81 for the Town of Edmunds consistent with the requirements of the School Finance Act of 1978, Title 20, chapter 515.

**Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 2356-G, sub-§ 1, Region 6, Washington County,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 513, § 10, is amended to read:

**Region 6. WASHINGTON COUNTY.** Units located in this area are: Alexander; Baileyville; Baring Plt.; Beals; Beddington; Calais; Centerville; Charlotte; Cooper; Crawford; Deblois; Dennysville; Eastport; **Edmunds**; Grand Lake Stream Plt.; Jonesboro; Jonesport; Machias; Marshfield; Meddybemps; Northfield; No. 14 Plt.; No. 21 Plt.; Pembroke; Perry; Princeton; Robbinston; Roque Bluffs; Talmadge; Waite; Wesley; Whitneyville, S.A.D. No. 37 - Addison, Cherryfield, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Harrington and Milbridge; S.A.D. No. 19 - Lubec; S.A.D. No. 77 - Cutler, East Machias, Machiasport and Whiting.

**Sec. 6. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of State.** This Act shall be submitted to the legal voters within the territory embraced within the limits of the proposed Town of Edmunds by ballot at a special election to be held in November 1979. This election shall be called, held and conducted by the Secretary of State in the same manner as local option elections in unorganized territory are conducted in accordance with Title 28, section 103, except that no petition for election shall be required. The subject matter of sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be reduced to the following question: "Shall the unorganized township of Edmunds be incorporated into the Town of Edmunds?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This Act shall be approved by a majority of the legal voters voting at the special election, provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of sections 1 and 2 of this Act at the election equaled or exceeded

50% of the total number of votes cast in the unorganized township for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the Secretary of State and certificate thereof shall be filed by him in his office.

**Sec. 7. Effective date.** Section 3 of this Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters at the special election. Sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of this Act shall take effect for all purposes hereof on July 1, 1980.

Approved by the Governor June 12, 1979

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## CHAPTER 36

H. P. 1560 — L. D. 1684

### AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$16,500,000 for Highway and Bridge Improvements.

**Preamble.** Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State for the purpose of improving state highways and bridges.

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

**Sec. 1. Bond issue of \$16,500,000 authorized.** In addition to state highway and bridge bonds heretofore authorized, the Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue from time to time, serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$16,500,000 payable serially at the State Treasury within 20 years from date of issue. The bonds and coupons shall be of such denominations and form and upon such terms and conditions, not inconsistent herewith; as the Governor shall direct. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be used for highway and bridge improvements in accordance with allocations made by the Legislature. The bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the State. The bonds shall be issued from time to time so as to meet the needs of highway and bridge improvements. The bonds when paid at maturity or otherwise retired shall not be reissued, but may be refunded on terms more favorable to the State than those in the original issue.

**Sec. 2. Allocation of Highway Fund bond issue.** Receipt to the Highway Fund for the fiscal years, from July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980, and from July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981, from the proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedule: