

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 17, 1961

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Haughn of Bridgton.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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**AN ACT** Relating to Rental of Space in County Buildings by State Departments.

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

**R. S., c. 89, § 17-A, additional.** Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 17-A, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 17-A. State departments occupying space in county buildings to pay rent. Whenever a department of the State Government shall occupy space in a county building, the State shall pay rent to the county for the space used. The annual rent shall be recalculated for each state biennium by using the following formula:  $a/b \times (c \text{ plus } d)$  rounded to the nearest \$50 in which a. equals the floor area occupied by the State, b. equals the total useful floor area of the building, c. equals the annual operating cost of the building averaged for the preceding county biennium, and d. equals 5% of the insured value of the building. Operating costs shall include heat, light, water, janitor service, cleaning, interior decorating, minor repairs and insurance. Useful floor area shall include only offices, court rooms, record rooms, conference rooms, libraries and the anterooms and vaults used in connection therewith.

The rent shall be calculated by the county commissioners and billed to the state department by the 15th day of January of each legislative year, and shall be paid by the State to the county in quarterly installments on the 15th days of July, October, January and April.

This section shall not apply to rooms now used by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts and the justices thereof, or the offices of the county attorneys. It shall include the Department of Mental Health and Corrections and all court

rooms, office space, record rooms, conference rooms and waiting rooms used in connection with the district court system.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the State the sum of \$6,060 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$6,060 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 for the rent of the offices in certain county buildings occupied by the Probation and Parole Division of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections as set forth in the budget for said division.