

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE - HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 985

H. P. 707

House of Representatives, January 26, 1961

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ham of Brewer.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

RESOLVE, to Create the Maine Legislative Internship Plan.

Legislative Internship Plan; appropriation for. Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$7,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$7,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 for legislative interns to aid legislative work both during and between the sessions of the Legislature. This plan shall be jointly financed by the Ford Foundation and the State of Maine.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Purpose. To provide the State Legislature with several well qualified people to do research and prepare reports for some of the major committees. Between sessions they would continue such work, in preparation for the next legislature. After serving a 10 month internship, the former interns might be available to the state in a variety of ways, such as permanent legislative staff employees.

Source of interns. Candidates would be recruited through a state-wide competition. Requirements would include: state citizenship, age 21 or over, a college degree, and perhaps a year or more of graduate study.

Administration. The administrator of the program would be appointed from his staff by the professor of government at the University of Maine. The administrator would select the interns, arrange their orientation program in Au-

gusta, and check up on them from time to time. In cooperation with legislative leaders, he would assign the interns to committee chairmen, who would then have full control of the intern's time and work assignments so long as the intern remained under their jurisdiction.

Financial provisions. The sum of \$15,000 for the biennium would provide for four interns for 1962 and four for 1963. The money would not be expended unless the Ford Foundation matched the state appropriation and provided funds to cover all administrative costs. Interns would be paid about \$375 per month, and the total cost of the program is as estimated below. The Ford Foundation has given clear evidence of its interest, and we believe it would furnish the support indicated.

Annual Cost of Intern Program:

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| 1. All administrative costs, including travel, orientation program, postage, etc.; (to be borne by Ford Foundation) | \$7,000 |
| 2. Intern salaries ($\frac{1}{2}$ by Ford Foundation, $\frac{1}{2}$ by State of Maine) | \$15,000 |
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| Total costs for one year | \$22,000 |
| Total costs for two years | \$44,000 |
| Total state appropriation for (1962 and 1963) two years | \$15,000 |