

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Morrill of Harrison.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

**AN ACT Creating a State Lottery for Old Age Assistance and Aid
to Municipalities.**

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

R. S., c. 87-A, additional. The Revised Statutes are amended by adding a new chapter to be numbered 87-A, to read as follows:

Chapter 87-A.

State Lottery.

Sec. 1. Lottery Commission. There shall be a commission to be known as the State Lottery Commission, to consist of 3 persons to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council. Not more than 2 of such members shall be members of the same political party. Said members shall be designated in their original appointments to serve for one, 2 and 3 years, respectively. Upon the expiration of the term of a member, his successor shall be appointed in the same manner for 3 years.

The Governor shall, from time to time, designate one of the members as chairman and, with the advice and consent of the Council, may remove any member for cause and shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term. Whenever any action by the commission is required to be in writing, such writing shall be sufficient when signed by any 2 of the members. The commission shall make an annual report in January of each year to the Governor and biennially to the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Lottery. The State Lottery Commission, hereinafter called the commission, shall conduct a state lottery quarterly during each year under such plans as may be adopted by the commission and approved by the Governor and Council. Tickets in said lottery so conducted shall be sold under the direction of the commission subject to such rules and regulations as may be made by the commission and approved by the Governor and Council. The expenses of conducting such lottery shall be deducted from the gross receipts thereof and the balance shall be divided as follows: 25% to the public as prizes, 65% shall be credited to the General Fund, provided that there shall always be available for Old Age Assistance state moneys in an amount not less than 25% of the net revenue derived under this chapter, and 10% to municipalities on the basis of the tickets sold in such municipalities.

Tickets for participation in such lottery shall be sold for not more than \$3. No ticket shall be sold or delivered outside the State of Maine and no prize money shall be sent or paid to any person outside of the State of Maine.

The commission may appoint a secretary and other assistants, who shall not be subject to the Personnel Law and shall receive such salaries as are fixed by the commission, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council.

Sec. 3. Salaries. The chairman of the commission shall receive an annual salary of \$6,500 and each other member shall receive an annual salary of \$6,000. The members shall also receive their necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

Sec. 4. Lottery defined. The word "lottery" as used in any other law shall not be construed to mean or include any lottery conducted under this chapter.'