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House of Representatives, November 27, 1961

Committee on Towns and Counties suggested.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davis of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Economic Development of Washington County.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, economic conditions in Washington County require an immediate stimulus by additional means and efforts; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to allow Washington County to utilize its own resources to help in redeveloping its depressed economy; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 89, § 16-A, repealed and replaced. Section 16-A of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 314 of the public laws of 1961, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 16-A. Industrial development. The county commissioners of Washington County may appoint personnel, who shall be subject to the approval of the State Department of Economic Development, to aid in planning the county's industrial growth and development. The expenses and salaries of such persons shall be paid for by county funds but shall not exceed \$12,500 annually.'

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In an effort to improve the depressed economy of Washington County, the Legislature at the last session enacted a bill authorizing a County Industrial Development program. Because of some misunderstandings, this bill provided that the State Department of Economic Development would assign a man to the County with the County paying the expense. Actually, it was intended that the authority for the appointment would be given to the County Commissioners but that DED approval would be required so there would be an assurance that the man was properly qualified. Everyone interested in this bill was in agreement on that. However, the legislation was written up otherwise. This amendment will make the act workable by restoring its original intent.

Washington County has been designated as a "redevelopment area" by the Federal Government so that it is important to have this "self-help program" in operation now.