

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 227**

S. P. 90

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Ferguson of Oxford.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Grants-in-Aid for Construction of Municipal Sewage Treatment Facilities.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the Federal Government through provisions of P. L. 660 84th Congress has for some years made available grants-in-aid for municipal sewage treatment works construction and since 1957 the State has also had such a program but state funds were available only in a ratio to federal aid somewhat below that provided by respective statutes and this resulted in some accumulation of federal funds; and

Whereas, following the passage of P. L. 87-658 (Public Works Acceleration Act) some of our communities became eligible for a combination of grants which would, including state aid, give local governments 80% of the cost of these facilities as opposed to 60% under previous conditions; and

Whereas, since to be sure of participation in this program a community must be able to start construction within 120 days following application for P. L. 87-658 aid, it is essential that state grant money be available immediately; and

Whereas, to many communities in areas of difficult economy this is the difference between a possibility and an impossibility even though the original aid was generous; and

Whereas, in 3 out of 4 of the applications now on file, the present and future economy of the regions is involved in a clean waters program; 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:

**Water Improvement Commission; appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the State the sum of \$1,030,355 to be available to the Water Improvement Commission for supplying grants-in-aid for sewage works construction as provided in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 79, section 7-A. Of this sum \$500,000 is to be considered an advance of funds that would otherwise be available only as fiscal year 1964-65 funds and none of the funds thus appropriated are to be lapsed prior to July 1, 1965.

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