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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Appointment of Director of Transportation and General Counsel under Public Utilities Commission.

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

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

Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission is the duly constituted regulatory agency charged under Maine law with the regulation of all utilities and large segments of the transportation industry; and

Whereas, the proper continuity of the duties and functions of the Public Utilities Commission require the services of a general counsel and director of transportation; 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:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 44, § 1, amended. The 5th sentence of the first paragraph of section 1 of chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The commission (Public Utilities) shall appoint a clerk, a director of trans-

portation, and a general counsel and, subject to the provisions of the Personnel Law, an assistant clerk.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 44, § 1, amended. The 2nd sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 1 of chapter 44 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The salary of the clerk, the director of transportation and general counsel shall be left to the discretion of the commission, subject to the approval of the Governor and Council.'

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The above amendments to the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 44, section 1, will not require the appropriation of any additional funds. Said positions are and have been included in the regular budget requests of the Public Utilities Commission.