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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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House of Representatives, February 23, 1967

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. White of Guilford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Continuing Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

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

Whereas, a Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women has been functioning under personal appointment; and

Whereas, such council has studied the various aspects of the status of women in Maine and the contributions our female population can and does make to the general well-being of the State; and

Whereas, the continuity of the work of this council will be interrupted and it will be unable to function adequately unless funds are made available to it; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of the State 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. Advisory Council on the Status of Women; membership. The Governor shall appoint an Advisory Council on the Status of Women of 17 members, hereinafter in this Act called the council. In making appointments to the council, the Governor shall give consideration to citizens who are currently providing leadership in status of women programs on the state and local level.

The Governor shall designate the chairman and vice-chairman. The various state departments shall assist the council in the furtherance of its duties.

Sec. 2. Duties and activities. The council shall act in an advisory and consultative capacity and may promote and coordinate activities designed to meet the problems of women on the state and community levels, including information on effective programs elsewhere in the State and nation.

Sec. 3. Subcommittees. The council is authorized to appoint subcommittees.

Sec. 4. Consultants and research projects. The council is authorized to employ consultants and contract for such research projects as it deems necessary.

Sec. 5. Conference. During the biennium, the council shall hold a State Governor's Conference on the Status of Women, or hold regional conferences.

Sec. 6. Report. The council shall make a report to the Governor concerning the work and interests of the council at the end of the biennium.

Sec. 7. Termination of appointment. The Governor may terminate the appointment of any member of the council for good and just cause and the reason for the termination of each appointment shall be communicated to each member of the council.

Sec. 8. Meetings. The council shall meet at the call of the chairman and not less than 3 times during each year. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in work of the council at the prevalent state rates.

Sec. 9. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the State the sum of \$1,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$2,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to be expended in the furtherance of the objectives of the council.

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