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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McMann of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Continuing the Committee on Aging.

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, the Committee on Aging was created by chapter 176 of the private and special laws of 1953 and was reactivated every two years after 1953, with the exception of the 103rd Legislature; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the problems of Maine's aging population be further studied in order to solve said problems; 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. Committee on Aging; membership. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a Committee on Aging of 14 members, hereinafter called the committee, to consist of 2 members from the Legislature, one from the House of Representatives and one from the Senate. Twelve members shall be citizens of the State who have an interest in and knowledge of the problems of the aging population. In making appointments to the committee, the Governor shall give consideration to citizens who are currently providing leadership in senior citizen programs on the state and local level and

give consideration also to the diverse problems of the aging by appointing people from a number of fields such as medicine, nursing, law, employment, social welfare, mental health, education, housing and business. Individuals shall be from private and public agencies and voluntary organizations. The Governor shall designate the chairman. The various state departments shall assist the committee in the furtherance of its duties.

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

Sec. 3. Staff. The committee is authorized to employ, under the Personnel Law, such staff as is necessary to carry out its objectives.

Sec. 4. Subcommittees. The committee is authorized to appoint subcommittees.

Sec. 5. Consultants and research projects. The committee is authorized to employ consultants and contract for such research projects as it deems necessary.

Sec. 6. Maine Three-Quarter Century Club. The committee shall be responsible for sponsoring the Maine Three-Quarter Century Club's annual meeting, as requested by the Governor.

Sec. 7. Conference. During the biennium, the committee shall hold a State Governor's Conference on Aging, or hold regional conferences.

Sec. 8. Report. The committee shall make a report to the Governor and the 104th Legislature concerning the work and interests of the committee for the preceding biennium.

Sec. 9. Federal programs and funds. The committee shall be the designated state agency to handle all programs of the Federal Government relating to the aging requiring actions within the State which are not the specific responsibility of another state agency under the provisions of federal or state law. Authority is conferred on the committee to accept and use any funds in accordance with established budgetary procedures which might become available pursuant to the purposes set out herein.

Sec. 10. Grants and gifts. The committee may receive on its own behalf or on behalf of the State any grants or gifts and accept same.

Sec. 11. Termination of appointment. The Governor may terminate the appointment of any member of the committee for good and just cause and the reason for the termination of each appointment shall be communicated to each member of the committee.

Sec. 12. Meetings. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, and not less than 6 times during the biennium. Members will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in work of the committee at the prevalent state rates.

Sec. 13. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$2,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$3,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to be expended in the furtherance of the objectives of the committee.

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