

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Relating to Expansion of a Building for Maine Employment Security Commission.

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The Employment Security Commission is authorized to requisition, the Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 13 to the contrary notwithstanding, from the Unemployment Trust Fund established and maintained pursuant to the Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 13, \$338,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, of the sums credited in said Unemployment Trust Fund to this State under Section 903 of Title IX of the Social Security Act, as amended, and said sum of \$338,000 is appropriated for the purpose of constructing an addition to the commission's administrative office located in Augusta, Maine, for acquiring land, and for such improvements, facilities, paving, landscaping and fixed equipment as may be required for its proper use and for operation by the Employment Security Commission.

**Sec. 2. Expenditures.** The appropriation made and the sum made available for the purposes referred to in section 1 shall be expended by the Employment Security Commission, provided that all contracts in connection with said project shall be negotiated and approved by the Employment Security Commission after being submitted by them to the Bureau of Public Improvements and to the Governor and Council for approval prior to the awarding of the contracts.

**Sec. 3. Federal assistance.** The Employment Security Commission is authorized to cooperate with and enter into such agreements with the Federal Government, or any agency thereof, as it may deem advisable, to secure fed-

eral funds for reimbursement of funds withdrawn from the Unemployment Trust Fund.

**Sec. 4. Contracts.** All contracts entered into by the State for the purposes mentioned shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a sealed bid after an advertisement calling for bids has been published by the Employment Security Commission not less than 2 weeks in such papers as the Governor and Council may direct, the last advertisement shall be at least one week before the time named for the closing of such bids. The State may reject any or all bids. If not more than one responsible bid is received, the Employment Security Commission, with the approval of the Bureau of Public Improvements and the Governor and Council, may negotiate a contract upon terms which it may deem most advantageous to the State.

**Sec. 5. Rent.** The annual rent for administrative office space for the Employment Security Commission granted to said department under Title III of the Social Security Act shall be deposited by the commission in the Unemployment Trust Fund until the sum of such deposits equals the funds expended for the purposes set forth in section 1. When the funds expended have been replaced no further payments in the form of rent or otherwise shall be made by the Maine Employment Security Commission, and said commission shall thereafter continue its exclusive use of such buildings and land for the purposes set forth in the Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 13.

**Sec. 6. Limitation.** The amount obligated pursuant to this Act during any fiscal year shall not exceed the amount by which the aggregate of the amounts credited to the account of this State pursuant to section 903 of Title IX of the Social Security Act during such fiscal year and the 14 preceding fiscal years exceeds the aggregate of the amounts obligated for administration and paid out for benefits and charged against the amounts credited to the account of this State during such 15 fiscal years.

**Sec. 7. Expenditure.** All expenditures made of funds appropriated shall be for expenses incurred after the date of the enactment of this appropriation.

No part of the moneys appropriated by section 1 may be obligated after the expiration of the 2-year period which begins on the date of enactment hereof.

Any unobligated moneys appropriated by section 1 shall revert to this State's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund at the earliest practical date but in no event later than at the close of such 2-year period.