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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Reactivating the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth and the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women and Continuing Activities of the Committee on Aging.

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

Sec. 1. Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, reactivated. The Governor shall appoint a committee of 20 members consisting of one each from the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Departments of Education, Health and Welfare, Mental Health and Corrections, Labor and Industry and 14 representative citizens, 2 of whom shall be youth. The Governor shall designate the chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties of the committee. The Governor's Committee on Children and Youth shall study the needs of, and services to, children and youth throughout the State and shall serve as a clearing house of information with respect to these needs and services. On the basis of knowledge so gained and documented, it shall suggest, recommend and promote the well-being of children, using such means, among others, as promotion of needed legislation and appropriations, strengthening of public administration and personnel resources and closer correlation among all governmental, voluntary agencies and citizen groups serving children and youth.

It shall provide a means for youth to express themselves and present their opinions to our legislative body.

It shall provide leadership and consultant service to area committees on children and youth in the development of area programs.

Sec. 3. Clerical assistance. The committee may employ clerical assistance when justified and appoint and organize subcommittees as needed to carry out its duties.

Sec. 4. Time of meetings and expenses. The committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman not less than 8 times each biennium. The members of the committee or authorized subcommittees shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Such expenses shall be governed by the rules and regulations covering all state departments.

Sec. 5. Report. It shall complete its study and report to the Governor and the 105th Legislature during the legislative session.

Sec. 6. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$3,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970 and \$3,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971 to the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth to carry out the purposes of sections 1 to 5.

Sec. 7. Advisory Council on the Status of Women, reactivated; 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. 8. 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. 9. Subcommittees. The council is authorized to appoint subcommittees.

Sec. 10. Consultants and research projects. The council is authorized to employ consultants and contract for such research projects as it deems necessary.

Sec. 11. Conference. During the biennium, the council shall hold a State Governor's Conference on the Status of Women, or hold regional conferences.

Sec. 12. 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. 13. 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. 14. 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. 15. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$2,122 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970 and the sum of \$2,522 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, to the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, to carry out the purposes of sections 7 to 14.

Sec. 16. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$3,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970 and the sum of \$3,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, to the Committee on Aging to carry out the purposes of chapter 199 of the private and special laws of 1965.