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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY

AN ACT to Promote Governmental Reorganization and Efficiency.

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

PART A

Sec. 1. Purpose. The Governor is authorized and requested to cause to be studied the possible consolidation of existing agencies along functionally homogeneous lines in order to provide a more effective, efficient and economical State Government, and have recommendations prepared and submitted to the next regular session of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Secretaries. To carry out the purposes of this Act the Governor is authorized to appoint persons qualified by training and experience as a Secretary for Manpower, a Secretary for Natural Resources, a Secretary for Transportation and a Secretary for Cultural Affairs. In the event a secretary is named who during the term of his employment is an officer or employee of the State of Maine, he shall receive no additional compensation beyond that which he would otherwise receive.

Sec. 3. Powers and duties. Each secretary shall be responsible for organizing and supervising the necessary studies and preparing appropriate recommendations for administrative reorganization in the area of his concern. In discharging his responsibilities, the secretary shall encourage full and free participation of the agencies concerned, the public and other interested parties.

Each secretary will, in the performance of his duties, have access to all records and information related to his task. Agencies, departments, boards and commissions in his area of responsibility will, on request, submit to him copies of all reports, studies and other documents requested by the secretary for the purpose of discharging his responsibilities.

The budget requests for the next biennium of the agencies, departments and officers listed in section 5 of this Part shall be submitted through and by the respective secretaries.

Sec. 4. Reports. There shall be prepared for the Legislature recommendations setting out the substantive reorganizations suggested with accompanying budget recommendations and necessary statutory and administrative changes.

Sec. 5. Responsibilities. The Secretary for Manpower's responsibility shall extend to but not be limited to the Employment Security Commission, the Department of Labor and Industry, the Industrial Accident Commission, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Health and Welfare and the vocational education responsibilities of the Department of Education; the Secretary for Natural Resources' responsibility shall extend to but not be limited to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, the Department of Forestry, the Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries, the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Mining Bureau, the State Geologist and the Soil and Water Conservation Commission; the Secretary for Transportations' responsibility shall extend to but not be limited to the Aeronautics Department, the Highway Commission, the Port Authority and the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of State; and the Secretary for Cultural Affairs' responsibility shall extend to but not be limited to the State Library, the State Museum, the Archivist, the Arts and Humanities Commission and the State Historian.

Sec. 6. Authority. The authority granted in this Part shall expire June 30, 1971.

PART B

R. S., T. 21, § 43, repealed and replaced. Section 43 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 43. Board of registration in certain cities and towns

In a city or town which has a population of 5,000 or over, a board of registration consisting of 3 members must be appointed as follows: One member appointed by the city or town committees of each of the 2 major parties. The 3rd member shall be elected by the legislative body of the municipality from the major political party with the largest total enrollment in the municipality.

1. Term of office. Each member shall serve for 3 years and until his successor is appointed and sworn.

2. **Chairman of the board.** The member elected by the legislative body of the municipality is chairman of the board.

3. **Vacancy.** When there is a vacancy on the board a qualified person shall be appointed to the board as follows :

A. **Chairman.** When there is a vacancy in the office of chairman of the board, the legislative body shall elect a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term at the next meeting of said body, however, in the case of a town whose legislative body is a town meeting, the selectmen may appoint a temporary chairman to serve until the next said meeting.

B. **Other members.** In the event of a vacancy other than chairman, the city or town committee having appointed the former incumbent shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

4. **Application to board of registration.** Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of law pertaining to the registrar apply equally to a board of registration. A board of registration may only act by unanimous or majority action.

A. **Exceptions.** Section 42 does not apply to a board of registration. The chairman of the board may designate himself or another member of the board to accept the application of a disabled person for registration under section 72.

PART C

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 10, § 751, sub-§ 3, amended. Subsection 3 of section 751 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

3. **Appoint employees.** Appoint, under the Personnel Law, such employees as the authority may require, and such assistants, agents or consultants as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this chapter; provided that, to the maximum degree possible, the authority shall share and coordinate said employees, and all physical facilities, with the Maine Recreation Authority and the Maine Municipal Securities Approval Board;

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 10, § 5052, sub-§ 5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 5052 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 495 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows :

5. **Employees.** To employ such assistants, agents, consultants and other employees as may be necessary or desirable for its purposes and to fix their compensation; and to utilize the services of other governmental agencies; such employment shall be consistent with the Personnel Law; provided that, to the maximum degree possible, the authority shall share and coordinate said employees, and all physical facilities, with the Maine Industrial Building Authority and the Maine Municipal Securities Approval Board;

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 5329, sub-§ 3, amended. Subsection 3 of section 5329 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 423 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows :

3. **Appointments.** Appoint, under the provisions of the Personnel Law, such employees as the board may require, and such assistants, agents or consultants as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of this chapter; **provided that, to the maximum degree possible, the authority shall share and coordinate said employees, utilities, equipment and all physical facilities, with the Maine Recreation Authority and the Maine Industrial Building Authority;**