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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 610

House of Representatives, February 11, 1971

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Pontbriand of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Data Processing and Central Computer Services in
Department of Finance and Administration.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 283, sub-§ 6, additional. Section 283 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 6, to read as follows:

6. Bureau of Central Computer Services. Bureau of Central Computer Services, the head of which shall be the State Director of Central Computer Services whose salary shall be fixed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, c. 157, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 157, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 157

DATA PROCESSING AND CENTRAL COMPUTER SERVICES

§ 1851. Definitions

1. Bureau. The word "bureau," when used in this chapter, shall be held to mean the Bureau of Central Computer Services.

2. Data processing. The words "data processing," when used in this chapter, shall be defined as the process that encompasses all computerized and auxiliary automated information handling, including systems analysis and design, conversion of data, computer programming, information storage and retrieval, data and facsimile transmission, requisite system controls, simulation and all the related man-machine interaction.

3. Director. The title "director," when used in this chapter, shall be held to mean the State Director of Central Computer Services.

§ 1852. Powers and duties

The Department of Finance and Administration, through the Bureau of Central Computer Services, shall have authority:

1. Central computer services. To establish, maintain and operate a central data processing bureau and to administer state data processing centers;

2. Centralization. To effect the centralization and consolidation of existing punch card and electronic data processing equipment and services in order to obtain maximum utilization and efficiency; to approve the continuation of departmental facilities if in the best interests of the State;

3. Approve acquisition and use. To approve acquisition and use of all data processing services by state agencies, including requirements for personnel and equipment;

4. Furnish staff assistance. To furnish staff assistance in methods, systems and programming work to other state agencies;

5. Comprehensive state master plan. To formulate, develop and maintain a comprehensive state master plan for data processing and communications systems; to establish priorities in implementing an integrated state information system; to regularly review the plan and priorities and report progress and recommendations to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration;

6. State information system. To provide an effective integrated state information system for storage, retrieval and exchange of data relating to units and agencies of the state and local governments;

7. Charges. To levy appropriate charges against all state agencies using services provided by the bureau;

8. Other powers and duties. To make rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, for the carrying out of this chapter.

§ 1853. Professional and technical services

The director is authorized, with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and the Governor and Council, to employ or engage such outside technical or professional personnel and services as may be necessary or appropriate within funds available to the bureau or to any using agency. He shall review all proposals for acceptability prior to a contract award and approve all payments for such services.

§ 1854. Intergovernmental cooperation and assistance

The several agencies of the State Government, municipal and county agencies and other agencies and organizations with data and information that the director may wish to incorporate into the state information system shall

furnish or make available, upon request, such data and information within their knowledge or control.

The director, with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, is authorized and empowered to enter into such agreements with the Federal Government and other agencies and organizations as will promote the objectives of this chapter, and to accept funds from the Federal Government, municipal and county agencies, or from any individual or corporation to be expended for purposes consistent with this chapter.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 5, § 1541, sub-§ 12, repealed. Subsection 12 of section 1541 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of Section C of chapter 251 of the private and special laws of 1969, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create a Bureau of Central Computer Services in the Department of Finance and Administration.