

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 118

H. P. 97

House of Representatives, January 10, 1973

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Simpson of Standish.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Authority of the Legislative Finance Officer.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 3, § 2, amended. Section 2 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

The President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall, at all times, whether the Legislature be in session or not, have the authority to approve accounts and vouchers for payment.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 3, § 42, amended. The 3rd sentence and the 4th sentence, as repealed and replaced by chapter 167 of the public laws of 1965, of section 42 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed as follows:

He shall when the Legislature is not in session be the executive officer of the Legislature, and unless the Legislature otherwise order, have custody of all legislative property and material, arrange for necessary supplies and equipment through the State Bureau of Purchases, arrange for necessary service, make all arrangements for incoming sessions of the Legislature, have general oversight of chambers and rooms occupied by the Legislature, permit state departments to use Legislative property, dispose of surplus or obsolete material through the continuing property record section of the Bureau of Public Improvements with the approval of the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate and approve accounts for payment. A perpetual inventory of all legislative property shall be maintained under the supervision of the Legislative Research Committee and an accounting thereof shall be made to the Legislature upon its request.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 3, § 163, sub-§ 15, ¶ E, additional. Subsection 15 of section 163 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new paragraph E to read as follows:

E. To act as executive officer of the Legislature when it is not in session, and unless the Legislature shall otherwise order, he shall, with the cooperation of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, have custody of all legislative property and material, arrange for necessary supplies and equipment through the State Bureau of Purchases, arrange for necessary service, make all arrangements for incoming sessions of the Legislature, have general oversight of chambers and rooms occupied by the Legislature and permit State departments to use legislative property. He shall, with the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, dispose of surplus or obsolete material through the continuing property records section of the Bureau of Public Improvements. He shall approve accounts for payment. A perpetual inventory of all legislative property shall be maintained under the supervision of the Legislative Research Committee and an accounting thereof shall be made to the Legislature upon its request.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This proposed legislation will give primary authority to the Legislative Finance Officer to act as the housekeeping officer for the Legislature when it is not in session. These duties have been previously assumed by the Clerk of the House of Representatives and applicable statutory provisions in that respect will be repealed. Additionally, the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House will be given authority to approve accounts and vouchers for payment.