

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bustin of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT** Creating the Bureau of Central Computer Services within the  
Department of Finance and Administration.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 283, sub-§ 7, additional.** Section 283 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 615 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended by adding a new subsection 7 to read as follows:

7. **Bureau of Central Computer Services.** Bureau of Central Computer Services, the head of which shall be the State Director of Central Computer Services appointed subject to the Personnel Law.

**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

§ 185I. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings.

1. **Bureau.** "Bureau" means the Bureau of Central Computer Services.
2. **Data processing.** "Data processing" means 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. "Director" means 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; to administer state data processing centers; and to develop and administer standards governing data processing systems and programming methods;

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 except that such centralization and consolidation as it may relate to the activities of the Department of Transportation and the University of Maine shall only be accomplished with the respective approval of the Department of Transportation and University of Maine; 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, except the Department of Transportation and the University of Maine which shall coordinate the acquisition and use of their data processing services with the bureau;

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;

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

7. 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, to employ or engage such outside technical or professional personnel and services as may be necessary within funds available. He shall review and approve all proposals for data processing services and systems prior to implementation and approve all state contracts for such services.

**§ 1854. Intergovernmental cooperation and assistance**

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 provide appropriate statutory authority for a new bureau within the Department of Finance and Administration. Centralized services are resulting in cost savings and passage of this bill will result in no additional costs to the State.