

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1011

House of Representatives, March 6, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hobbins of Saco.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT to Provide Additional Federal-State Services.

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

**Sec. 1. Executive Department; appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Executive Department the sum of \$95,000 to provide full-time representative for office services for the State in Washington, D. C. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT		
Office of Federal-State Coordinator		
Personal Services	(2) \$26,100	(2) \$27,900
(Washington staff assistant and secretary)		
All Other	18,000	18,000
Capital Expenditures	5,000	—
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	\$49,100	\$45,000

**Sec. 2. Department of Finance and Administration; appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Finance and Administration the sum of \$56,990 to provide 2 positions and supporting services for a Division of Federal Aid Development and Program Management Services within the Bureau of the Budget. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of the Budget		
Personal Services (Director and secretary)	(2) \$19,984	(2) \$21,006
All Other	5,000	10,000
Capital Expenditures	1,000	
	<hr/> \$25,984	<hr/> \$31,006

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act would provide staff and services directed to obtaining more federal funds and more effectively utilizing federal programs available to Maine. With federal revenue sharing, the prospect of special revenue sharing and the shift in emphasis away from categorical grants accompanied by the elimination of existing programs, the demand for these services has become critical. Currently, more than 16 states maintain Washington offices, and with the cutback in support to various regional agencies, more states are actively considering this important step. Both the ESCO Research Report on Maine Government Finances and a recently completed analysis of Federal Funds in Maine recommend that additional services be provided both in Washington and here in Augusta.

The first appropriation would provide a staff person, secretary and office services in Washington for liaison with federal agencies and the Maine Congressional delegation. It would also provide services and assistance to any state agency personnel in developing relationships of possible economic benefit to the State.

The 2nd appropriation for the program and management division would provide local support to assist departments in grant applications, analyzing new federal program regulations and guidelines and evaluating federal-state data for the Executive Department and the Legislature. The benefits to be derived from these efforts would more than offset the costs involved.