

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 2120**

S. P. 708

In Senate, January 2, 1974

Referred to Committee on County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Roberts of York.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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**AN ACT to Permit Counties to Accept and Expend State and Federal Grants.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the authorization and funding of federal programs varies with each congress; and

Whereas, it is essential that applications for federal funding be made timely; and

Whereas, counties may be eligible to receive funds between legislative sessions, it is essential that this Act become effective immediately; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**R. S., T. 30, § 255, additional.** Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 255 to read as follows:

**§ 255. Acceptance of state and federal grants**

**A county may accept and expend grants.**

**1. Federal.** Counties may apply for and accept and expend Federal Government grants for any purpose for which Federal Government grants are

made available to counties, either directly or through the State.

2. **State.** Counties may apply for and accept and expend state grants for any purpose for which state grants are available to counties, either directly or through a state agency.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

Counties have received additional revenue sharing funds over and above legislative estimates.