

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1233

S. P. 382

In Senate, March 24, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Curtis of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Appropriate Additional Funds to Municipalities Operating
Public Libraries.**

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

Whereas, the Revised Statutes, Title 27, section 105 requires state aid payments to municipalities maintaining free public libraries; and

Whereas, these payments are based on a percentage of the municipal appropriation to the local library; and

Whereas, municipal appropriations to local libraries tend to increase, thus requiring increases in state aid payments; and

Whereas, the state aid commitments in fiscal 1975 have exceeded the budgeted amount; 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:

Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services, from the General Fund, the sum of \$4,770 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

State Library Bureau
All Other

\$4,770

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide additional funds to fully meet a statutory requirement to make state aid payments to municipalities maintaining free public libraries based on a percentage of the municipal appropriation to the local library.