

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1238

S. P. 383

In Senate, March 24, 1975

Referred to 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 Appropriating Additional Funds for Direct State Aid to Local
Libraries at 10¢ Per Capita.**

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, chapter 626 requires the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to make direct state aid payments to local libraries at 10¢ per capita; and

Whereas, many local libraries throughout Maine offer free public library service to nearby municipalities without libraries; and

Whereas, this free library service to municipalities without libraries entitles the applicant for state aid per capita to add to its population count the official census of nearby municipalities served; and

Whereas, the direct state aid at 10¢ per capita for fiscal years 1975, 1976 and 1977 is anticipated to be in excess of the appropriated 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 \$18,000. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF			
State Library Bureau			
All Other	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000

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 at 10¢ per capita to local library units.