

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Speers of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

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**AN ACT to Establish Legislative Control Over the Allocation of Space in the State House and to Provide for Legislative Direction Over the Bureau of Public Improvement's Supervision Over the State House.**

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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 Legislature, its staff and support agencies have long been identified with the State House; and

Whereas, the Legislature in remodeling its staff structure to provide more comprehensive and more efficient service to the citizens of Maine, urgently requires control over the allocation and arrangement of office and hearing room space in the State House; and

Whereas, this urgent requirement, together with extensive ongoing reform in the structure of State Government demands the commencement of immediate planning concerning the allocation of office and hearing room space in the State House; 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:

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA § 162, sub-§§ 16 and 17, are enacted to read:

16. To direct the Bureau of Public Improvements in the general supervision of the State House and in alterations and repairs to the State House;

17. To determine and assign the occupancy of rooms in the State House as the public service may require.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 1742, sub-§ 14 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

14. General supervision of State House. Under the direction of the Legislative Council, to have general supervision of the State House and of alterations and repairs to the State House.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA § 1742, sub-§ 14-A is enacted to read:

14-A. General supervision of buildings, grounds and property connected with the State House. To have general supervision of the public grounds, buildings and property connected with the State House and to make repairs and alterations in and about such grounds and buildings.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA § 1742, sub-§ 18, is amended to read:

18. Assign rooms. To assign rooms in all buildings used by the State for offices, except the State House, and determine the occupancy thereof in such manner as the public service may require;

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA § 1742, sub-§ 21, as amended by PL 1971, c. 542, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

21. Rules and regulations. To make rules and regulations for the purposes of carrying out this subchapter. All rules and regulations, except those necessary for the supervision of the State House, and for alterations and repairs to the State House, shall be approved by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration. Rules and regulations necessary for supervision of the State House and for alterations and repairs to the State House shall be approved by the Legislative Council.

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 reflected in the preamble.