

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(EMERGENCY)
(Governor's Bill)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1779

H. P. 1672

House of Representatives, January 9, 1980

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT to Appropriate Funds for Special Election.

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

Whereas, a special election is scheduled to be held on March 11, 1980; and

Whereas, the costs of conducting this election were not anticipated in the Secretary of State's budget; and

Whereas, an appropriation of \$50,000 is immediately necessary for the department to properly conduct this election; 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. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

| | 1979-80 |
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| SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF | |
| Personal Services | \$ 2,000 |
| All other | 48,000 |
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| Total | \$50,000 |

These funds are to be used to cover the costs of the special election scheduled for March 11, 1980.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Any special election conducted by the Secretary of State costs approximately \$60,000 because of expenditures for additional personnel, printing of ballots, mailing of election materials, advertising, miscellaneous costs and other items. The special election scheduled for March 11 was not anticipated in the department's budget. Ten thousand dollars of these additional costs have been covered by an emergency transfer from the Contingency Fund to cover costs already incurred. An additional \$50,000 will be necessary in the 3rd quarter so that the department can carry out the mandate of the petitioners and properly conduct this election. Of the total \$50,000, \$2,000 will be allocated for Personal Services to compensate the additional part-time employees necessary. The balance, \$48,000, will be placed in the department's "All Other" account to cover the other necessary expenditures.