

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 19, 1987

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator DUTREMBLE of York, Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Provide Assistance to Development
2 Organizations in Labor Market Areas
3 Facing Sudden and Severe Economic
4 Dislocation.
5

6 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
7 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
8 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

9 Whereas, it is state policy to address the prob-
10 lems faced by labor market areas within the State
11 that are facing sudden and severe economic disloca-
12 tion as a result of major plant closings or other in-
13 dustrial restructuring; and

14 Whereas, such areas are already facing severe
15 strain on limited municipal budgets, making direct

1 support of local development corporations a difficult
2 burden; and

3 Whereas, the establishment of a local economic
4 development corporation for the purpose of attracting
5 new jobs and investment to an area and diversifying
6 an area's economy is a vital step in responding to
7 sudden and severe economic dislocation conditions;
8 and

9 Whereas, many areas of the State are facing plant
10 closings and major work force reductions in the imme-
11 diate future; and

12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
13 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
14 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
15 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
16 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
17 therefore,

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

20 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1507, first ¶, as amended by PL
21 1985, c. 759, §1 and c. 814, Pt. E, §1, is further
22 amended to read:

23 The Governor may allocate from the State Contingent
24 Account amounts not to exceed in total the sum
25 of \$600,000 in any fiscal year, except that in the
26 fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, the amount shall
27 not exceed \$675,000. The Governor may allocate from
28 such account amounts not to exceed in total the sum
29 of \$300,000 in any fiscal year in accordance with the
30 purposes specified in subsections 1, 2, 3, 4 ~~and~~ 4-A
31 and 5-B and an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in any
32 fiscal year, except that in the fiscal year ending
33 June 30, 1987, the amount shall not exceed \$325,000
34 in accordance with the purposes specified in subsec-
35 tion 5-A.

36 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1507, sub-§5-B is enacted to
37 read:

