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STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Establish an Enhanced 9-1-1
2 System.
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4 Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the
5 Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with
6 the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, to
7 authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State
8 to provide funds for the establishment of an enhanced
9 9-1-1 system.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
2 follows:

3 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §507, sub-§2, ¶A, as repealed
4 and replaced by PL 1979, c. 338, §2, is amended to
5 read:

6 A. Unless continued or modified by law, the
7 following Group A-1 independent agencies shall
8 terminate, not including the grace period, no
9 later than June 30, 1980:

- 10 (1) Maine Blueberry Commission;
- 11 (2) Blueberry Industry Advisory Board;
- 12 (3) Seed Potato Board;
- 13 (4) Maine Milk Commission;
- 14 (5) State Harness Racing Commission;
- 15 (6) Maine Agricultural Bargaining Board;
- 16 (7) Board of Veterinary Medicine;
- 17 (8) Maine Milk Tax Committee;
- 18 (9) Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council
19 Committee;
- 20 (10) Board of Pesticide Pesticides
21 Control;
- 22 (11) State Planning Office; and
- 23 (12) State Lottery Commission; and
- 24 (13) E-9-1-1 Advisory Committee.

25 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004, sub-§10, ¶A, sub-¶(73-A)
26 is enacted to read:

27 (73-A) Public Safety E-9-1-1 Expenses 25 MRSA §2925
28 Advisory Only
29 Committee

1 Sec. 3. 25 MRSA c. 352 is enacted to read:

2 §2921. Definitions

3 As used in this chapter, unless the context
4 otherwise indicates, the following terms have the
5 following meanings.

6 1. Automatic location identification. "Automatic
7 location identification" means an enhanced 9-1-1
8 service capability that enables the automatic display
9 of information defining the geographical location of
10 the telephone used to place a 9-1-1 call.

11 2. Automatic number identification. "Automatic
12 number identification" means an enhanced 9-1-1 service
13 capability that enables the automatic display of the
14 7-digit number used to place a 9-1-1 call.

15 3. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the
16 Commissioner of Public Safety.

17 4. Department. "Department" means the Department
18 of Public Safety.

19 5. Emergency services. "Emergency services"
20 includes fire, police, ambulance, rescue services and
21 other services of an emergency nature identified by
22 the commissioner.

23 6. Enhanced 9-1-1 services. "Enhanced 9-1-1
24 services" or "E-9-1-1" means a system consisting of
25 selective routing with the capability of automatic
26 number and location identification and public safety
27 answering points, which enables users of the public
28 telecommunications' system to request emergency
29 services by dialing the digits 9-1-1.

30 7. Public safety answering point. "Public safety
31 answering point" means a facility with enhanced 9-1-1
32 capability, operated on a 24-hour basis, assigned the
33 responsibility of receiving 9-1-1 calls and, as
34 appropriate, directly dispatching emergency services
35 or transferring or relaying emergency 9-1-1 calls to

1 other public safety agencies.

2 8. Selective routing. "Selective routing" means
3 the method employed to direct 9-1-1 calls to the
4 appropriate public safety answering point based on the
5 geographical location from which the call originated.

6 §2922. E-9-1-1 capability

7 Each telephone utility, as defined in Title 35-A,
8 section 102, which furnishes local exchange services
9 within the State, shall provide, by July 1, 1993,
10 selective routing, automatic number identification and
11 automatic location identification features necessary
12 to implement enhanced 9-1-1 services in this State.

13 §2923. Requirements of municipalities

14 1. Public safety answering point. By July 1,
15 1991, each municipality shall designate one public
16 safety answering point to serve as the receiving point
17 for all requests for emergency services within that
18 municipality. The Department of Public Safety
19 communication centers shall serve as public safety
20 answering points for the unorganized territory. If a
21 municipality fails to designate a public safety
22 answering point by July 1, 1991, the department shall
23 designate one for the municipality.

24 2. Customer information. Each municipality shall
25 cooperate with the department and the appropriate
26 telephone utilities to establish a customer data base
27 containing information to identify the location of
28 each telephone number within the municipality.
29 Customer information provided under this chapter may
30 be used only for the purposes of responding to
31 emergency calls or for the investigation of false or
32 intentionally misleading reports of incidents
33 requiring emergency services.

34 §2924. Establishment of E-9-1-1 system

35 The department shall provide for the establishment
36 of a statewide E-9-1-1 system. In meeting this
37 requirement, the department shall take the following
38 actions.

1 1. Public safety answering points. The
2 department shall establish a public safety answering
3 point in each department communications center.

4 2. Rules. The department may adopt rules
5 necessary to implement this chapter. The department
6 shall by rule, pursuant to the Maine Administrative
7 Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, adopt standards
8 for the establishment of county and local public
9 safety answering points.

10 3. Equipment. The department shall provide the
11 equipment necessary for each public safety answering
12 point.

13 4. Contract. The department shall contract for
14 the establishment, installation and maintenance of a
15 statewide E-9-1-1 system and the necessary customer
16 data base for identification purposes.

17 5. Coordination. The department shall provide
18 information and assistance to counties and
19 municipalities and facilitate the coordination of
20 activities between state and local governments,
21 telephone utilities, providers of emergency services
22 and other entities involved in the E-9-1-1 system.

23 6. Report. The department shall report to the
24 Legislature by January 15th annually on the progress
25 of implementation of the E-9-1-1 system. The report
26 shall describe any difficulties encountered in
27 implementing the system and may include legislation
28 necessary to accomplish the intent of this chapter.

29 §2925. E-9-1-1 Advisory Committee

30 Beginning January 1, 1989, the E-9-1-1 Advisory
31 Committee, established in Title 5, section 12004,
32 shall advise and assist the department in the
33 implementation of the E-9-1-1 system.

34 1. Membership. The E-9-1-1 Advisory Committee
35 shall be composed of 11 members; one appointed by the
36 Public Utilities Commission; one appointed by the
37 Commissioner of Public Safety; and 9 appointed by the
38 Governor, including one who is a municipal official,

1 one who is a chief of a municipal police department,
2 one who is the chief of a municipal fire department,
3 one who is a county sheriff, one who represents small
4 telephone companies, one who represents the largest
5 provider of local exchange telephone services and 3 to
6 represent the public-at-large.

7 2. Terms of office. The members appointed by the
8 Public Utilities Commission and the department shall
9 serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.
10 The remaining members shall serve terms of 3 years,
11 except that, of the initial 9 members appointed by the
12 Governor, 3 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years, 3
13 for terms of 2 years and 3 for terms of one year. A
14 vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority to
15 complete the term of the appointee who vacated the
16 office.

17 3. Quorum. A majority of the members of the
18 committee shall constitute a quorum.

19 4. Compensation. Members of the board shall be
20 compensated for expenses only according to Title 5,
21 chapter 379.

22 5. Chairman. The committee shall choose a
23 chairman from among its members.

24 6. Duties. The committee has the following
25 duties.

26 A. The committee shall advise the department on
27 activities relating to the establishment of an
28 E-9-1-1 system.

29 B. The committee shall review and comment on
30 rules proposed by the department under this
31 chapter.

32 C. The committee shall assist the department in
33 providing public information about the
34 implementation and operation of the E-9-1-1 system.

35 Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §1123-A is enacted to read:

36 §1123-A. Public safety answering point

1 Each county, in cooperation with the Department of
2 Public Safety, shall establish an E-9-1-1 public
3 safety answering point in each county which may be
4 located in a county communications center or the
5 county sheriff's communications facility. The
6 department shall pay for the necessary E-9-1-1
7 equipment and for its installation and maintenance.

8 **Sec. 5. Authorization of bonds to establish an**
9 **E-9-1-1 system.** The Treasurer of State is
10 authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to
11 issue from time to time registered bonds in the name
12 and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding
13 \$13,200,000 for the purpose of raising funds to
14 provide for the establishment of an E-9-1-1 system.
15 The bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the full faith
16 and credit of the State. The bonds shall not run for
17 a longer period than 10 years from the date of the
18 original issue of the bonds. Any issuance of bonds
19 may contain a call feature at the discretion of the
20 Treasurer of State with the approval of the Governor.

21 **Sec. 6. Records of bonds issued to be kept by**
22 **the State Auditor and Treasurer of State.** The State
23 Auditor shall keep an account of the bonds, showing
24 the number and amount of each, the date when payable
25 and the date of delivery of the bonds to the Treasurer
26 of State who shall keep an account of each bond
27 showing the number of the bond, the name of the
28 successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received
29 for the same, the date of sale and the date when
30 payable.

31 **Sec. 7. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds**
32 **appropriated.** The Treasurer of State may negotiate
33 the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor,
34 but no such bond may be loaned, pledged or
35 hypothecated in behalf of the State. The proceeds of
36 the sale of the bonds, which shall be held by the
37 Treasurer of State and paid by him upon warrants drawn
38 by the State Controller, are appropriated to be used
39 solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any
40 unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of
41 the project in section 10 shall lapse to the debt
42 service account established for the retirement of
43 these bonds.

1 election in the month of November following passage of
2 this Act. The city aldermen, town selectmen and
3 plantation assessors of this State shall notify the
4 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and
5 plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law
6 for holding a statewide election, to vote on the
7 acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the
8 following question:

9 "Shall a bond issue be authorized in the amount of
10 \$13,200,000 for establishment of a statewide
11 E-9-1-1 system?"

12 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation
13 shall vote by ballot on this question, and shall
14 designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed
15 within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or
16 "No." The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted
17 and declared in open ward, town and plantation
18 meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in
19 the same manner as votes for members of the
20 Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns
21 and, if it appears that a majority of the legal voters
22 are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim
23 that fact without delay, and the Act shall become
24 effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

25 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish
26 to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns
27 and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the
28 purpose of this referendum.

29 **Sec. 15. Appropriation.** The following funds
30 are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out
31 the purposes of this Act.

32		<u>1988-89</u>
33	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY,</u>	
34	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
35	E-9-1-1	
36	All Other	\$5,000

1 Provides funds to the
2 Department of Public
3 Safety to cover the
4 expenses of the
5 E-9-1-1 Advisory
6 Committee.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The advent of rapidly developing technology in the
9 field of telecommunications has made our current
10 method of requesting and dispatching emergency
11 services obsolete. The current system is difficult to
12 use, dependent in many instances upon the availability
13 of volunteers and, in some instance, prone to error.
14 Modern telecommunications systems provide the
15 opportunity for a statewide emergency services network
16 which is easily accessible, professionally staffed and
17 which includes additional services which are not
18 currently available. It is the purpose of this bill
19 to provide for the establishment of a statewide
20 E-9-1-1 system by July 1, 1993, to take advantage of
21 technological developments and to improve the delivery
22 of emergency services to the citizens of Maine.

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