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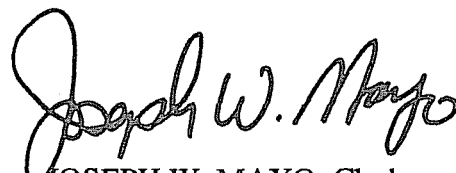
No. 816

H.P. 601

House of Representatives, March 8, 1993

An Act to Eliminate the Bureau of Public Administration.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

2 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §291, as amended by PL 1985, c. 779, §10, is
4 further amended to read:

6 **§291. Creation**

8 There is established a the State Government Internship
10 Program, referred to in this chapter as "the program," for
12 attracting and placing qualified undergraduate and graduate
14 college students temporarily within the State Government, to be
administered by the Bureau--of--Public--Administration, Margaret
Chase Smith Center for Public Policy within the University of
Maine System.

16 Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §294, as amended by PL 1987, c. 735, §§7 and
18 8, is further amended to read:

20 **§294. Duties of the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy**

22 The State Government Internship Program shall--be is
administered by the Bureau--of--Public--Administration, Margaret
Chase Smith Center for Public Policy, referred to in this section
24 as "the center," within the University of Maine System,--with-the
26 advice--of--the--State--Government--Internship--Program--Advisory
Committee. The bureau's center's duties shall include the
following.

28 1. **General supervision.** The bureau center shall exercise
30 general supervision over the operation of the program and shall
develop and put into effect administrative guidelines for interns
32 and state government personnel, formulate policies and establish
and administer operational procedures.

34 2. **Promotion; recruitment.** The bureau center shall
36 disseminate widely information, and application forms and
otherwise publicize the program so as to attract the attention
38 and interest of as many college students as possible, and shall
receive the completed application blanks of those students
40 interested, as well as answering inquiries for further details
and information.

42 3. **Participation of state agencies.** The bureau center shall
44 acquaint state department heads and administrators with the
program and its advantages, encouraging the greatest possible
46 participation by state departments and agencies.

48 4. **Selection.** Applications of interested students received
by the bureau--shall center must be processed in accordance with
50 procedures to be established by the bureau center.

2 **5. Placement.** The bureau center shall place students with
participating agencies of State Government.

4 **6. Orientation.** The bureau center shall arrange an
6 orientation for interns and supervising state personnel prior to
commencement of student work within a state office, and may
8 conduct special programs during the internship to insure that
students obtain a broad understanding of State Government.

10 **7. Coordination.** The bureau center shall coordinate the
12 activities of the interns with the various state participating
state agencies to the maximum advantage of the program.

14 **8. Annual report.** The bureau center shall render an annual
16 report by the end of each calendar year on the operation of the
State Government Internship Program which ~~shall be considered as~~
18 is a public document. Copies of the report shall must be filed
with the Legislature.

20 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §§295 and 296,** as enacted by PL 1967, c. 493,
22 are amended to read:

24 **§295. Conditions of employment**

26 **1. Temporary unclassified service.** Interns ~~shall be~~ are
28 considered as temporary unclassified employees of the State. The
employing department or agency may discharge an intern for cause
with one week advance notice to the intern and bureau the
30 Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy. The Bureau ~~of~~
~~Public Administration~~ center may reassign an intern or release
32 him the intern from the program with one week advance notice to
the intern and the state agency when it is considered in the best
34 interest of the program.

36 **2. Salary.** The Bureau ~~of Public Administration~~ Margaret
Chase Smith Center for Public Policy shall determine from time to
38 time ~~with the advice of the internship committee~~ an appropriate
minimum salary for interns, which shall must be paid by the
40 participating state department or agency. The Bureau ~~of Public~~
~~Administration~~ Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy may
42 negotiate the placement of an intern within State Government, and
to further the purposes of the intern program, may make funds
44 from this chapter available to the intern.

46 **3. Internship training.** Participating state departments
and agencies shall release intern personnel to participate on
48 duty time in orientation or training activities planned by the
Bureau ~~of Public Administration~~ Margaret Chase Smith Center for
50 Public Policy as part of the internship program.

2 **§296. Acceptance of gifts, bequests, grants, aid**

4 The ~~Bureau of Public Administration~~ Margaret Chase Smith
6 Center for Public Policy is authorized to accept gifts, bequests
and endowments for purposes consistent with the objectives of
8 this chapter, and to accept federal, private foundation and
other grants and matching funds when determined to be in the best
interests of the program.

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12 **Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §318, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 779,**
§79, is further amended to read:

14 The State Tax Assessor may establish, either on his the
16 assessor's own initiative or in conjunction with professional or
educational agencies, or both, a program of training to meet the
needs of the State of Maine for a sufficient supply of
18 competently trained assessors. Where possible, such training
shall must be conducted by the ~~Bureau of Public Administration~~
20 Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy of the University
of Maine System or an institution of higher education. For such
22 purposes, the State Tax Assessor may designate what programs
either within or outside the State are acceptable for these
24 training purposes.

26 **Sec. 5. P&SL 1965, c. 185 is repealed.**

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30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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34 On July 1, 1990, the Bureau of Public Administration of the
University of Maine System was merged with the Margaret Chase
Smith Center for Public Policy and ceased to exist. This bill
36 repeals Private and Special Law 1965, chapter 185 establishing
the Bureau of Public Administration. The bill amends the Maine
Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 14 creating the State
Government Internship Program and Title 36, section 318 by
38 substituting the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy
for references to the Bureau of Public Administration. The bill
40 also removes references to the State Government Internship
Program Advisory Committee, since that advisory committee was
42 repealed by Public Law 1991, chapter 622, Part S.