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No. 1496

S.P. 485

In Senate, May 13, 1993

An Act to Encourage the Involvement of Volunteers in State Government.

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative RUHLIN of Brewer and
Senators: CAHILL of Sagadahoc, CAREY of Kennebec, DUTREMBLE of York, HANLEY of
Oxford, MARDEN of Kennebec, PARADIS of Aroostook, PEARSON of Penobscot,
SUMMERS of Cumberland, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BAILEY of
Farmington, BRENNAN of Portland, BRUNO of Raymond, CAMPBELL of Holden, CARON
of Biddeford, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DiPIETRO of South Portland, DUTREMBLE of
Biddeford, FOSS of Yarmouth, GOULD of Greenville, JACQUES of Waterville, JALBERT of
Lisbon, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, KNEELAND of Easton, KUTASI of Bridgton, LEMONT
of Kittery, LIBBY of Buxton, MARSH of West Gardiner, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MICHAUD
of East Millinocket, MURPHY of Berwick, NORTON of Winthrop, PENDEXTER of
Scarborough, PLOURDE of Biddeford, PLOWMAN of Hampden, QUINT of Paris, REED of
Falmouth, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, ROWE of Portland, SIMONEAU of Thomaston,
STROUT of Corinth, TARDY of Palmyra, WINN of Glenburn, YOUNG of Limestone.

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

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6 **Whereas,** Maine has many citizens who volunteer their time
and talents through service organizations throughout the State;
and

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10 **Whereas,** the urgent demands of the current economic crisis
require that the State make maximum use of available volunteer
services; and

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14 **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
16 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §49** is enacted to read:

22 **§49. Use of volunteer services**

24 State agencies, boards, commissions, departments and
26 institutions shall maximize the use of volunteer services,
especially those of senior citizen volunteers, coordinated
28 through statewide volunteer service organizations as determined
appropriate by each organization.

30 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
32 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1993-94	1994-95
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36	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
38	Elder and Adult Services -	
	Bureau of	

40	All Other	(\$46,081)	(\$46,081)
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42 Provides for the
44 deappropriation of funds for
46 senior volunteer programs due
to the establishment of a
48 separate program area, Senior
Volunteer Services.

2	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
4	TOTAL	<u>(\$46,081)</u>	<u>(\$46,081)</u>
6	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES		
8	Senior Volunteer Services		
10	All Other	\$46,081	\$46,081
12	Provides for the		
14	appropriation of funds for		
16	senior volunteer programs		
18	from a transfer from the		
20	Department of Human Services,		
22	Bureau of Elder and Adult		
24	Services.		
26	SENIOR VOLUNTEER SERVICES		
28	TOTAL	<u>\$46,081</u>	<u>\$46,081</u>
30	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>

24 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
26 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 This bill encourages the State to maximize the use of
34 volunteers, especially senior citizen volunteers.