

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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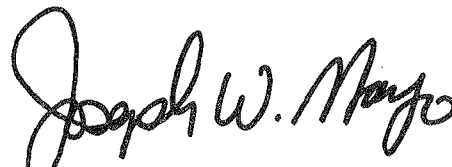
House of Representatives, January 14, 1998

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Library Resource Sharing and for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library.

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and
Representatives: JABAR of Waterville, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, McKEE of Wayne, OTT of York, RICHARD of Madison, Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, PINGREE of Knox, SMALL of Sagadahoc.

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

5 Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the funds provided for
6 in this legislation be appropriated before the beginning of
7 fiscal year 1998-99; and

8 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
9 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
10 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
11 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
12 safety; now, therefore,

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

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15 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
16 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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20 **1997-98**

21 **MAINE STATE LIBRARY**

22 **Maine State Library**

23 All Other \$1,227,928

24 Provides \$1.00 per capita
25 support for public libraries
26 to help fund library resource
27 sharing.

28 **Maine State Library**

29 All Other 150,000

30 Provides \$150,000 increase in
31 the Maine State Library's
32 acquisition budget for the
33 purchase of library materials.

34 **MAINE STATE LIBRARY**
35 **TOTAL**

\$1,377,928

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

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SUMMARY

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6 The purpose of this bill is to fund resource sharing among
8 Maine's libraries. This bill will help reduce the financial
10 impact of rising postal charges and other costs associated with
interlibrary lending and borrowing and raise the Maine State
Library's acquisition budget to the level of the other area
reference and resource centers at Bangor Public Library and
Portland Public Library.