

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 949

House of Representatives, March 25, 1915.

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Financial Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT entitled An Act to create a state fund to be known as
the State Contingent Fund.

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

Section 1. The state auditor and treasurer of state shall
2 be and are hereby required and authorized to open on their
3 books an account to be known as the State Contingent Fund.

Sect. 2. There shall be transferred and credited to said
2 account and the state auditor and treasurer of state are
3 hereby directed to so transfer and credit all balances of un-
4 expended appropriations which exist on the first day of
5 January of each year hereafter and which are not continued
6 by law, except such appropriations as relate to the issue and

7 payment of state bonds, temporary loans and special funds
8 in the state treasury department.

Sect. 3. There shall also be credited to said account on
2 January first of each year or as soon thereafter as the
3 amount can be correctly ascertained, the amount by which
4 the actual income for the state of the preceding year ex-
5 ceeds the current expenses of said year.

Sect. 4. The fund established by this act and accounted
2 for in the account aforesaid may be increased from time to
3 time by direct legislative appropriations.

Sect. 5. Warrants may be drawn upon, charged to, and
2 paid out of this fund, to pay outstanding bills or accounts
3 that were properly chargeable to the several appropriations
4 previous to the first day of January of each year; to pay
5 outstanding bills necessarily contracted by state departments
6 or state institutions for which the legislature failed to make
7 sufficient provision, and for such other expenses as it may
8 be necessary to incur under the requirement of law or for
9 the maintenance of government, which the Governor, with
10 the advice and consent of the Council, shall authorize; pro-
11 vided, however, that no payment shall be made from this
12 fund, except as above provided, unless some emergency shall
13 arise requiring an expenditure of money not provided for by
14 the legislature.

Sect. 6. Warrants drawn upon this fund shall be sup-
2 ported by proper vouchers, itemized, approved and audited
3 in conformity to law.

Sect. 7. No transfer or payments other than those provided by this act shall be made from any fund hereby created except by special authority of the legislature.