

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 566

House of Representatives, March 14, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Farrington of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Sections Eighty-five and Eighty-seven, of Chapter two, of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the State Contingent Fund.

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

Section 1. Section eighty-five, of chapter two, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the words "first day of January," in the fourth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'thirtieth day of June'; also by adding to said section the following words: 'provided, how-

6 ever, that unexpended balances existing on December thirty-
7 first, excepting those continued by law, or such as relate to
8 the issue and payment of state bonds, temporary loans or
9 special funds in the state treasury, may, in the discretion of
10 the governor and council, be credited to said state contingent
11 fund on that date'; so that said section as amended shall read
12 as follows

'Sect. 85. The state auditor and treasurer of state shall
2 open on their books an account to be known as the state con-
3 tingent fund, to which shall be transferred and credited all
4 balances of unexpended appropriations which exist on the
5 thirtieth day of June of each year and which are not con-
6 tinued by law, except such appropriations as relate to the
7 issue and payment of state bonds, temporary loans and
8 special funds in the state treasury department. There shall
9 also be credited to said account on the first day of January of
10 each year, or as soon thereafter as the amount can be cor-
11 rectly ascertained, the amount by which the actual income of
12 the state for the preceding year exceeds the current expenses
13 of said year; provided, however, that unexpended balances
14 existing on December thirty-first, excepting those continued
15 by law, or such as relate to the issue and payment of state
16 bonds, temporary loans or special funds in the state treasury,
17 may, in the discretion of the governor and council, be credited
18 to said state contingent fund on that date.'

Sect. 2. Section eighty-seven, of chapter two, of the re-
2 vised statutes, is hereby amended by adding after the word

3 “authorize,” in the eighth line thereof the words, ‘and so
4 much of said fund as may be necessary for said purposes is
5 hereby appropriated to pay such bills and expenses; so that
6 as amended said section shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 87. Warrants may be drawn upon, charged to, and
2 paid out of said 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 to pay such other expenses as may
8 be necessarily incurred under any requirement of law or for
9 the maintenance of government, and which the governor,
10 with the advise and consent of the council, shall authorize,
11 and so much of said fund as may be necessary for said pur-
12 poses is hereby appropriated to pay such bills and expenses;
13 provided, however, that no payment shall be made from this
14 fund, except as above provided, unless some emergency shall
15 arise requiring an expenditure of money not provided for by
16 the legislature.’