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S. P. 65

House of Representatives, Dec. 14, 1933.

Ought to Pass Report Tabled by Miss Laughlin of Portland pending acceptance in concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND
THIRTY-THREE

**AN ACT Providing Flexibility in the Handling of State Revenues and
Expenditures During the Period of the Present State Cash Stringency.**

Emergency Preamble: Whereas: As a result of laws now in force it is anticipated that the cash available and to be available with the receipts from direct taxation and indirect sources is insufficient to carry on all the functions of government upon the scale provided by existing appropriations; and

Whereas: The insufficiency of such revenues renders it necessary that all income shall be pooled, notwithstanding the provisions of existing statutes requiring the segregation of funds for special purposes; and

Whereas: In the judgment of this legislature the facts herein before set forth create an emergency within the meaning of Article XXXI of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. In order to provide flexibility in the handling of the revenue of the state, whether derived from direct taxation or from indirect sources of whatever nature, the governor and council are hereby authorized, not-

withstanding any provision of law requiring any part or parts of such revenues to be set aside or segregated and held in a separate fund or funds for any specific purpose or purposes, to use such direct tax money and indirect receipts in accordance with their best judgment in such manner as will provide for the carrying on of all governmental functions, provided, however, that the controller shall show by proper record the special funds as constituted by law from which any such revenues are diverted, that proper provision may be made when funds are available for the restoration thereof.

Sec. 2. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved; and shall remain in effect from January 1, 1934 to July 1, 1934.