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In Senate, January 21, 1943.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Emery of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Budgets.

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

Sec. 1. P. L. 1931, c. 216, Art. II, § 5, amended. Section 5 of Article II of chapter 216 of the public laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 5. Budget estimates. On or before ~~November~~ **October** 1st, of the even-numbered years, all departments and other agencies of the state government, and agencies receiving state funds shall prepare, on blanks furnished them by the state budget officer, and submit to said officer, estimates of their expenditure requirements for each fiscal year of the biennium, compared with the corresponding figures of the last completed fiscal year and the estimated figures for the current fiscal year. The expenditure estimates shall be classified to set forth the data by funds, organization units, character and objects of expenditure; the organization units may be sub-classified by functions and activities, or in any other manner, at the discretion of the state budget officer.

Tentative revenue estimates prepared by the state budget officer on October 1st, of the even-numbered years, shall be revised by this officer on the following January 1st, for inclusion in the budget. The revenue esti-

mates shall be classified so as to show the receipts by funds, organization units, and sources of income.'

Sec. 2. P. L. 1931, c. 216, Art. II, § 6, amended. Section 6 of Article II of chapter 216 of the public laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 6. Review and revision of estimates. The governor, and the governor-elect, with the assistance of the state budget officer, shall review the estimates, altering, revising, increasing, or decreasing the items of said estimates as he may deem necessary in view of the needs of the various departments and agencies and the total anticipated income of the state government during the ensuing biennium. The state budget officer, at the direction of the governor, shall then prepare a budget document in the form required by the provisions of this act; the governor shall transmit such document to the legislature not later than the close of the ~~fourth~~ **second** week of the regular legislative session.'

Sec. 3. P. L. 1931, c. 216, Art. II, § 9, amended. Section 9 of Article II of chapter 216 of the public laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Advisory committee on budget. There shall be an advisory committee on budget consisting of 3 members, 1 from each house of the legislature selected by the presiding officer thereof prior to ~~November~~ **October** 1st, of the even-numbered years. In each case the selection shall be, if practicable, the senior ranking member of the senate and house respectively of the committee on appropriations and financial affairs, who is to serve as a member of the next succeeding legislature, and these 2 shall select the 3rd member who shall be a member of the next succeeding legislature and a member of the minority party. The members of the committee shall be paid the necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, and in addition thereto, they shall each receive \$5 per day for the time actually spent while the legislature is not in session. This committee shall meet with the governor, or the governor-elect, when so requested by him, during the preparation of the budget, and shall advise with him on any and all matters pertaining to the financial policy of the state government. The governor, however, shall be fully responsible for all budgetary recommendations made to the legislature.'