

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bubar of Weston.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Creating an Advisory Council to Municipalities.**

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

**Sec. 1. Organization of the advisory council to municipalities.** There is hereby created an "Advisory Council to Municipalities" which shall be composed of 3 members to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council: 1 member shall be a state official, and 1 member shall be an officer or executive of the Maine municipal association, and the other member shall be a municipal officer of some city or town. The members chosen shall be persons who are experienced in dealing with municipal problems. They shall serve without pay but shall receive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**Sec. 2. Duties of the council.** It shall be the duty of the council through its director to review and examine the problems and practices of municipal administration of the towns, cities and plantations throughout the state of Maine. The council may, wherever it deems it necessary, instruct its director to cause surveys to be made in any municipality. Such surveys shall include information concerning (1) administrative practices

(2) methods of tax assessment (3) methods of tax collection (4) system of accounting (5) school administration (6) financial position of the municipality and (7) any other phase of municipal activities.

On the basis of such surveys the council shall recommend to the municipal officers and to the citizens of the municipalities plans for improving administration.

**Sec. 3. Appointment of director.** The advisory council to municipalities shall appoint a director to act as their executive officer. The director shall receive such compensation as the council may determine, and shall serve at the pleasure of the council, and shall be under the supervision of the council at all times.

**Sec. 4. Office provided.** The superintendent of buildings shall provide suitable office space for the director and such employees as may be under his supervision, subject to the approval of the council.

**Sec. 5. Report.** Within 10 days of the convening of the regular session of the legislature the council shall file a report with the legislature summarizing its activities. Such report shall also contain such recommendations as the council deems necessary for the more efficient operation of the municipalities of the state.

**Sec. 6. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$10,000 per year to carry out the provisions of this act.