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Referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Brown of Washington

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Emergency Municipal Finance Board.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 90, § 1, amended. The 1st sentence of section 1 of chapter 90 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

'The board of emergency municipal finance, as heretofore established, and hereinafter designated in this chapter as the "board," shall be composed of the § 4 persons who legally hold the offices of commissioner of finance, treasurer of state and state tax assessor, and the chairman of the board of county commissioners of the county within which the municipality in difficulty is located.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 90, § 3, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 3 of chapter 90 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

The board is authorized and empowered, in the event that city, town or plantation becomes 1 year and 6 months in arrears in the payment of its ~~taxes to the state~~ obligations or payments to the county or state in full or in part or defaults on any bond issue or payment of interest due thereon or refuses or neglects to pay school and other salaries due and has also re-

ceived, from the state, funds in support of its poor, to cause to be made an audit of the financial condition of said city, town or plantation at the expense of said city, town or plantation, or an investigation of the financial affairs of such municipality that will reveal whether or not its affairs are in such condition that the interest of the state and public necessity in its judgment require that its affairs be taken over and administered under the provisions of this chapter, and to make such other investigation of the affairs thereof as it shall deem wise to determine the reason for such failure to pay such taxes and indebtedness and the reason for the need for state relief of its poor.'