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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide Additional State Office Space.

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping additional state office facilities in Augusta.

Sec. 2. Attorney general to convey property of Maine State Office Building Authority. The attorney general is hereby empowered and directed on behalf of the Maine State Office Building Authority, created by chapter 76 of the private and special laws of 1941, as amended, to convey to the state of Maine all the real estate now held by or in the name of said authority. By such conveyance the said authority shall be divested of all right, title and interest in and to all the real estate now in its name and the same shall belong to the state of Maine.

Sec. 3. Members of authority and commission to deliver property. The members of the Maine State Office Building Authority and of the Building Commission, also created by said chapter 76, are hereby directed, and each of them is hereby directed, to deliver forthwith to the governor and council any and all property of said authority and of said commission over which they may have control, including, but not exclusively, all

minute books, records, architectural sketches, drawing, designs, and all other property.

Sec. 4. Maine State Office Building Authority and Commission abolished. Except for their duties stated herein, the members of the Maine State Office Building Authority and Commission shall have no further duties. Except as inconsistent with provisions hereof, chapter 76 of the private and special laws of 1941, chapter 94 of the private and special laws of 1943, chapter 51 of the private and special laws of 1945 and chapter 128 of the private and special laws of 1947 are hereby, and each of them is, repealed.

Sec. 5. State House Offices Advisory Committee created. The governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the council, 5 persons who shall constitute the state house offices advisory committee. The committee members shall serve during the pleasure of the governor and may be reimbursed for travel and other reasonable and necessary expenses related to committee duties. Not more than 4 members of the committee shall be members of one political party. It is the intent of the legislature that the committee shall so perform its duties as to advise the governor and council on broad policy matters such as but not necessarily limited to time of construction, general type of facility, choice of location and determination of what departments of state government shall be located in the new facility.

Sec. 6. Appropriation shall not lapse. The appropriation provided by the provisions of this act shall not lapse but shall remain a carrying balance until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.