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Legislative Document

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H. P. 314

House of Representatives, February 1, 1955.

Referred to Committee on Towns and Counties. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Reed of Fort Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Expending Aroostook County Funds for Ricker College.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Ricker college being the only college in northern Maine that furnishes the opportunity for a college education at modest cost to great numbers of deserving youths of Aroostook county; and

Whereas, even though Ricker college tuition was, for the college year 1953-54 increased to the highest level consistent with sound operating practice, yet operational costs of the college exceed income; and

Whereas, Ricker college has at present no income whatever from endowment; and

Whereas, unless additional income, to the extent of at least \$10,000 per year may be found, Ricker college will be forced to curtail its educational program; and

Whereas, such an eventuality would result in the denial of college educational opportunities to large numbers of Aroostook county youths; and

Whereas, education is an eminently proper purpose for the expenditure of county funds; and

Whereas, the immediate need for such additional funds is urgent if Ricker college is to continue to serve effectively; and

Whereas, in the opinion of the Legislature, these facts render the immediate passage of this act necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and

safety, and constitute an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine; now therefore,

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

Appropriation for college education in Aroostook county. Aroostook county shall expend not exceeding the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 for Ricker college, to be paid to the treasurer of said college on or before July 1 of the year for which it is appropriated, and to be expended by the trustees of Ricker college for general operations.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.