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House of Representatives, March 2, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Labor, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Jacobs of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Relating to Payments from Benefit Account of Maine Employment
Security Commission.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 16, § 29, amended. Section 29 of chapter 16 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the 1st paragraph thereof, the following paragraph :

‘Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing paragraph, the chairman of the Maine Employment Security Commission is hereby authorized to prepare and sign warrants for the payment of benefits to eligible unemployed persons, which warrants shall, upon being countersigned by one other designated member of the Commission and delivered to the payee, become a check against a designated bank or trust company acting as a depository of the State Government. The authority of the chairman to prepare and sign such warrants is hereby limited solely to the payment of benefits to eligible unemployed persons. The facsimile signatures of the chairman of the Commission and the designated member of the Commission who are leaving office shall be valid until new signature plates for the signature herein authorized have been obtained for their successors.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 29, § 10, amended. The 4th and 5th sentences of section 10 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows :

‘All such warrants for the payment of benefits from the benefit account ~~and of refunds from the clearing account~~ shall be prepared by the ~~commission~~ and shall be signed by the ~~state controller or on his behalf by his duly authorized representative for that purpose~~ chairman of the Commission, and counter-

signed by ~~the treasurer of state or on his behalf by his duly authorized representative for that purpose~~ a designated member of the Commission, and when so signed and countersigned and delivered to the payee shall become a check against a designated bank or trust company acting as a depository of the State Government. The Commission shall be the sole judge of the legality or propriety of any award of benefits, or the amount thereof, appearing in any such warrant prepared by the ~~commission~~ chairman, subject only to the right of appeal as provided in subsections VIII and IX of section 16.'