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Legislative Document

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S. P. 224

In Senate, February 7, 1957.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Briggs of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

**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 1955-56 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 judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following

legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; 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 the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 and the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 for Ricker college, to be paid to the treasurer of said college on or before September 1 of the year for which it is appropriated, and to be expended by the trustees of Ricker college for general operations.