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In Senate, April 19, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Rogerson of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Construction of a Building For Maine Employment
Security Commission.**

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

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The Employment Security Commission is hereby authorized to requisition, the provisions of Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding, from the unemployment trust fund established and maintained pursuant to Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, \$600,000 of the sums credited in said unemployment trust fund to this State under Title IX of the Social Security Act, as amended, and said sum of \$600,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of acquiring the land and buildings thereon, if any, located at Augusta, Maine, and the razing of buildings existing thereon, if any, and the construction thereon of an office building for use and occupancy of the Employment Security Commission and all expenses incidental thereto.

Sec. 2. Expenditures. The appropriation made and the sum made available for the purpose referred to in section 1 shall be expended by the Employment Security Commission, provided that all contracts in connection with said project shall be negotiated and approved by the Employment Security Commission after being submitted by them to the Superintendent of Public Buildings and to the Governor and Council for approval prior to the awarding of the contracts.

Sec. 3. Federal assistance. The Employment Security Commission is hereby authorized to cooperate with and enter into such agreements with the Federal

Government, or any agency thereof, as it may deem advisable, to secure federal funds for reimbursement of funds withdrawn from the unemployment trust fund.

Sec. 4. Contracts. All contracts entered into by the State for the purposes mentioned shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder submitting a sealed bid after an advertisement calling for bids has been published by the Employment Security Commission not less than 2 weeks in such papers as the Governor and Council may direct, the last advertisement shall be at least one week before the time named for the closing of such bids. The State may reject any or all bids. If not more than one responsible bid is received, the Employment Security Commission, with the approval of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and the Governor and Council, may negotiate a contract upon terms which it may deem most advantageous to the State.

Sec. 5. Rent. The annual rent for central office space for the Employment Security Commission granted to said Department under Title III of the Social Security Act shall be deposited monthly by the Commission in the unemployment trust fund until the sum of such deposits equals the funds expended for the purposes set forth in section 1. When the funds expended have been replaced as set forth in section 5, no further payments in the form of rent or otherwise shall be made by the Maine Employment Security Commission, and said Commission shall thereafter continue its exclusive use of such buildings and land for the purposes set forth in Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes.

Sec. 6. Limitation. In no event shall the Employment Security Commission of Maine obligate funds provided under this act in a total amount during any fiscal year which shall exceed the aggregate of the amounts credited to the account of this State by the Federal Government pursuant to Title IX of the Social Security Act during such fiscal year and the 4 preceding fiscal years, less the aggregate of the amounts of such funds used by the State of Maine and charged against the amounts credited to the account of this State during any of such 5 fiscal years.

Sec. 7. Purpose. All expenditures made of funds appropriated shall be for expenses incurred after the date of the enactment of this appropriation.

Sec. 8. Expenditure. No part of the moneys appropriated by section 1 shall be expended after the close of the 2-year period which begins on the date of enactment hereof. Any unexpended moneys appropriated by section 1 shall revert to this State's account in the unemployment trust fund at the earliest practical date but in no event later than at the close of such 2-year period.