

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 187

H. P. 129

House of Representatives, January 28, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Miss Cormier of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Appropriating Money for a Continuance of the Revision of the Election Laws.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the 98th Legislature authorized the Secretary of State to revise the Maine election laws; and

Whereas, the work is partially completed and must stop for lack of funds; and

Whereas, many bills now contemplated for introduction at the present session of the Legislature will be unnecessary if the revision can continue; 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:

Emergency appropriation. In order to provide necessary funds for the continuation of the revision of the election laws for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 the following sum or so much thereof as shall be found necessary as designated in the following tabulation is appropriated from the General Fund.

Department	1957-58	1958-59
Secretary of State		
Revision of the Election Laws		
All Other	_____	\$7,500

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Chapter 187 of the Private and Special Laws of 1957 appropriated the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of carrying out a revision of the election laws. The sum requested at that time, which was deemed necessary for the completion of the work, was \$15,000.

The work is now about half completed and has reached a stage where it seems quite possible that the entire revision could be completed before the adjournment of the 99th Legislature, if the necessary funds were made available to continue the work.

Less than \$1,000 in uncommitted funds remains from the original appropriation.