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In Senate, February 17, 1959.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Bates of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Creating a Permanent Committee on Aging.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns; and

Whereas, the Committee on Aging was reactivated by Private and Special Laws, 1957, chapter 183, and will cease to exist unless the following legislation is enacted; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the problems of Maine's aging population be further studied in order to solve said problems; 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:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, §§ 297-A - 297-D, additional. Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 4 new sections, to be numbered 297-A to 297-D, to read as follows:

'Committee on Aging.

Sec. 297-A. Permanent Committee on Aging created. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a Committee on Aging of 13 members. The Governor shall designate the chairman.

Five members shall serve for 3 years, 4 for 2 years, 4 for one year. Upon completion of their terms of office their successors shall be appointed for 3 years. All members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The various state departments shall assist the committee in the furtherance of its duties.

Sec. 297-B. Duties. The Maine Committee on Aging shall base its activities and fields of interests on the findings of the White House Conference. The Committee may appoint subcommittees.

It shall continue the study of the problem of Maine's aging population and shall assist in organizing local committees on aging. It shall provide leadership and stimulation at the state level, in developing solutions for these problems.

The committee is authorized to employ, under the Personnel Law, such staff as may be necessary to carry out its objectives.

Sec. 297-C. Meetings; expenses. Said committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, and not less than 6 times during the biennium. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 297-D. Federal grants. The Treasurer of State shall be the appropriate fiscal officer of the State to receive federal grants on account of administration of said committee and the State Controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by the committee.'

Sec. 2. Activities. During the biennium the committee shall direct itself toward the holding of a state conference for the purpose of developing facts and recommendations and preparing a report of the findings for presentation to the 1961 White House Conference on Aging.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the State the sum of \$6,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and \$9,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961 to be expended in the furtherance of the objectives of this act.

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