

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES
AS PASSED BY THE
Ninety-second and Ninety-third
Legislatures
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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STATE OF MAINE

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AT THE

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Supplementary to Private and Special Acts of 1945

cepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result shall be declared by the municipal officers and due certificate thereof filed with the secretary of state by the clerk of said city.

Sec. 17. Act void unless property of water company is acquired. If said water district shall fail to purchase or file its petition to take by eminent domain, before July 1, 1947, as in this act provided, the plant properties, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the Penobscot County Water Company and used or usable in supplying water in the city of Brewer, then this act shall become null and void.

Sec. 18. Costs and expenses of taking, directed by court. All costs and expenses of the taking of the property of the Penobscot County Water Company arising under the provisions of this act shall be paid and borne as directed by the court in the final decree provided by section 10.

Sec. 19. Existing statutes not affected; rights conferred subject to provisions of R. S., c. 62. Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal, or shall be construed as repealing, the whole or any part of any existing statute, and all the rights and duties herein mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of chapter 40 of the revised statutes of 1944, and all acts amendatory thereof or additional thereto.

Sec. 20. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect upon approval, subject to the provisions of section 16.

Effective July 24, 1946

Chapter 147

AN ACT Adjusting the Salaries of All Full-Time State Employees and Appropriating Money Therefor.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, because of the increase in the cost of living, salaries of state employees are inadequate; and

Whereas, many have and will be obliged to take employment elsewhere unless relief is given to meet the aforesaid increased cost of living; and

Whereas, because of said inadequate salaries, suitable replacements cannot be obtained; and

Whereas, the efficiency of the administration of the state affairs in all departments is vitally affected; and

Whereas, efficient administration is vital for the well-being of the state and all citizens; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16, part third, article IV of the constitution of Maine as enacted by article XXXI, 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. Salary adjustment. Beginning August 5, 1946, all full-time state employees shall be granted an increase in salary of \$7.20 per week, which sum shall be in addition to the salary now being received by such employee, less the amount of increase that such employee is now receiving under the provisions of chapter 135 of the private and special laws of 1945. With the exception of troopers, sergeants and commissioned officers of the state police, the provisions of this act shall not apply to those whose salaries are set by either the governor and council or by the legislature.

Sec. 2. Limitation. The provisions of this act shall not affect or change any powers and duties granted to the personnel board under the provisions of chapter 59 of the revised statutes and shall remain in effect for a period of 6 months.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$375,000 to carry out the provisions of this act.

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

Effective July 26, 1946

Chapter 148

AN ACT Appropriating Moneys for Anticipated Overdrafts in the Department of Health and Welfare Due to Insufficient Appropriations.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the funds appropriated for the present functions of the department of health and welfare for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947 are insufficient; and

Whereas, existing statutes provide for these functions as a direct obligation of the state; and