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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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ballots, and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the office of the secretary of state in the same manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the amendment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the amendment shall thereupon, as of the date of said proclamation, become a part of the constitution.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve, accompanied by a copy thereof. And be it further

Resolved: That chapter 26 of the resolves of 1951, heretofore passed by the legislature, is hereby repealed and shall not be printed as part of the resolves in the session laws of 1951.

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 120

RESOLVE, Appropriating Moneys to Effectuate Salary Plan for State Employees.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, because of the advancing high cost of living, salaries of state employees must be adjusted to such cost of living; and

Whereas, great hardship will be caused among the employees unless such salary scale is adjusted; and

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

Whereas, efficient administration of state business is vital to the wellbeing of the state and to its citizens; 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

Appropriation for proposed salary plan. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$183,088 for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 to place into

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effect as of the week ending March 10, 1951 the proposed salary plan for the employees of the state of Maine developed in accordance with chapter 201 of the resolves of 1949 and to grant to each state employee affected by the salary plan, a salary increase of one step in said salary plan by assigning each class of employment to the salary range next above that range to which it is allocated in the salary plan; and be it further

Resolved: That no part of such increase shall be granted, to any employee, which has the effect of placing such employee's salary above the adjusted maximum salary rate established for his class; and be it further

Resolved: That the salary rate of any employee who is regularly being paid at or above the adjusted maximum rate established for his class shall not be changed as a result of the approval of this resolve.

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

Effective May 19, 1951

Chapter 121

RESOLVE, in Favor of Howard P. Fairfield, of Skowhegan.

Howard P. Fairfield; reimbursed. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$193.25 to be paid to Howard P. Fairfield, of Skowhegan, as a full and final settlement of his claim against the state for rebate of gasoline tax due him; said sum to be paid from the general highway fund.

Effective August 20, 1951

Chapter 122

RESOLVE, in Favor of Eathel F. Rowe, of Aurora.

Eathel F. Rowe; compensated. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$200 from the general highway fund to be paid to Eathel F. Rowe, of Aurora, to compensate him for damage to his blueberry land caused by construction of state aid road over schoolhouse hill, so called.