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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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**Private and Special Laws**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE**

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## Chapter 145

**AN ACT to appropriate monies for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955.**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of departments and institutions will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1953; 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:*

**Appropriations for necessary expenditures of government.** In order to provide for the necessary expenditures of government and for other purposes for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1953, to June 30, 1954, and from July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955—the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulations, are hereby appropriated out of any monies in the general fund not otherwise appropriated. Upon receipt of allotments duly approved by the governor and council based upon work programs submitted to the commissioner of finance, the state controller shall authorize expenditures of these appropriations and revenues accruing thereto, together with expenditures for other purposes necessary to the conduct of state government on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.

And be it further provided that the controller be authorized to close his books as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1954, and June 30, 1955. Any bills presented after those dates may be paid from appropriations for the ensuing year on recommendation of the controller if within the amounts of approved allotments.

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Whenever it appears to the commissioner of finance that the anticipated income of the state will not be sufficient to meet the expenditures authorized by the legislature he shall so report to the governor and council and they may curtail allotments so that expenditures will not exceed the anticipated income.

At the end of each fiscal year of the biennium all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state monies, except those that carry forward as provided by law, shall be lapsed to unappropriated surplus as provided by section 23 of chapter 14 of the revised statutes of 1944. At the end of each fiscal year of the biennium all encumbered appropriation balances shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year, but in no event shall encumbered appropriation balances be carried more than once.

There shall be paid from the highway fund the cost of accounting, auditing, purchasing and legal services furnished from the general fund appropriations. This revenue shall credit to the general fund.

GENERAL FUND  
APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND

Department	1953-54	1954-55
ACCOUNTS AND CONTROL, BUREAU OF		
Departmental Operations	\$ 299,992	\$ 304,618
ADJUTANT GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF		
Departmental Operations	158,376	161,992
Military Fund	62,426	62,970
Operation of State Armories	131,971	132,867
Merci Train & Historical Objects	1,200	1,200
Total Adjutant General	353,973	359,029
AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Departmental Operations	60,407	60,576
Promotion of Agriculture	27,866	27,616
Animal Industry Division	53,945	55,150
Control of Livestock Disease	101,198	101,580
Dog License Claims and Administration	90,000	90,000
Division of Inspection	122,724	120,540
Division of Markets	54,611	56,291
Division of Plant Industry	23,000	23,000

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Department	1953-54	1954-55
State Soil Conservation	\$ 4,960	\$ 4,960
Bee Industry	750	750
Total Department of Agriculture	539,461	540,463
APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL	796	796
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION	1,500	1,500
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF Departmental Operations	99,188	99,300
County Attorneys' Salaries	38,450	38,450
Total Attorney General	137,638	137,750
AUDIT, DEPARTMENT OF Departmental Operations	87,305	87,553
BANKS AND BANKING, DEPARTMENT OF	18,388	18,242
BOXING COMMISSION	5,700	5,700
CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS		
Bangor Anti-Tuberculosis Association	15,000	15,000
Good Samaritan Home	6,000	6,000
Healy Asylum	5,500	5,500
Home for Aged Women—Belfast	500	500
Maine Children's Home Society	4,000	4,000
Maine Institution for the Blind	15,000	15,000
Opportunity Farm	4,500	4,500
St. Joseph's Orphanage	5,500	5,500
St. Elizabeth's Asylum	3,500	3,500
St. Louis Home and School for Boys	3,000	3,000
Temporary Home for Women and Children	5,400	5,400
York County Children's Aid Society	1,600	1,600
Holy Innocents Home	1,000	1,000
Public and Private Hospitals, Aid to	1,100,000	1,100,000
Total Charitable Institutions and Public and Private Hospitals	1,170,500	1,170,500

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Department	1953-54	1954-55
CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY		
Civil Defense and Public Safety	\$ 81,059	\$ 81,770
*Federal Matchings Funds	—	—
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Total Civil Defense Agency	81,059	81,770

\*(Any balance in the Federal Matching Fund account on June 30, 1953, up to the amount of \$100,000, shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to be expended for the same purposes during the 1953-54 and 1954-55 fiscal years.)

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS

To Highway Fund		
State Police—10% of Cost of Operation of State Police	103,292	103,803
To Special Revenue Funds		
Maine Employment Security Commission	—	—
To Public Service Enterprises		
Augusta State Airport	13,000	13,000
To Trust and Agency Funds		
Employees' Retirement—Expense	54,493	43,580
Employees' Retirement—Pension:		
State Employees	743,586	730,064
Teachers	1,309,365	1,520,000
To Increase Earnings of Trust Funds to Statutory Rates	5,000	5,000
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Total Contributions and Transfers	2,228,736	2,415,447

## DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, MAINE

Departmental Operations	325,000	325,000
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## EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Professional Credit for Teaching Positions	113,000	50,000
For Temporary Residents	3,500	3,500
General Purpose Educational Aid	6,559,848	6,556,830
Administration—Maine School Building Authority	12,950	12,950
Student Scholarship Fund	50,000	50,000

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Department	1953-54	1954-55
Departmental Operations	\$ 174,572	\$ 173,246
Farmington State Teachers' College	124,078	125,311
Gorham State Teachers' College	164,752	162,380
Washington State Teachers' College	68,031	64,098
Madawaska Training School	53,454	55,023
Aroostook State Teachers' College	70,852	71,749
Schooling of Children in Unorganized Territory	128,286	137,101
Superintendents of Towns Comprising School Unions	186,144	186,144
Vocational Education—State	124,581	123,515
State Vocational Training Program	72,759	63,573
Vocational Rehabilitation	40,000	40,000
Education of Orphans of Veterans	500	500
State Administration—School Lunches	26,773	27,006
Special Education for Physically Handicapped Children	22,000	22,000
Secondary Education for Island Children	2,200	2,200
Board for Approval of Institutions Offering Specialized Training	450	450
Industrial Education	27,000	27,000
Total Department of Education	8,025,730	7,954,576

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Departmental Operations	46,858	47,367
*Art Commission	1,000	1,000
Executive Council	12,500	15,500
Governor's Expense Account	15,000	15,000
Blaine House	22,788	18,929
Panel of Mediators	500	500
*(Any balances in the Art Commission account shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.)		

Total Executive Department	98,646	98,296
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## FINANCE COMMISSIONER AND BUDGET OFFICE

Departmental Operations	41,302	47,553
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Department	1953-54	1954-55
FISH AND GAME, DEPARTMENT OF INLAND		
Search for Lost Persons	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
FORESTRY DEPARTMENT		
Departmental Operations	17,863	18,659
*State Forest Nursery	6,000	7,000
*Aid to Towns for Forest Fires	45,000	45,000
Control of White Pine Blister Rust	15,050	15,050
*General Forestry Purposes	167,036	171,158
*Aid to Small Woodland Owners	39,125	39,635
Entomology	87,896	88,553
*(Any balances in the starred accounts above shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.)		
Total Forestry Department	377,970	385,955
G. A. R., DEPARTMENT OF MAINE	1,200	1,200
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Health	414,712	416,111
Water Pollution	10,000	10,000
Water Improvement Commission	17,293	18,559
General Administration—Welfare	515,263	516,126
Board and Care of Neglected Children	1,247,559	1,249,631
State Paupers, Support of	825,000	825,000
Jefferson Relief Camp	47,149	49,072
*Passamaquoddy Indians	103,803	103,837
*Penobscot Indians	60,650	60,636
Services for the Blind	116,080	115,931
Special Pensions	85,000	83,000
Aid to the Blind	143,500	143,500
Aid to Dependent Children	1,063,000	1,063,000
Old Age Assistance—Benefits	2,869,000	2,878,000
Old Age Assistance—Burials	62,500	62,500
*(The appropriations for Indian Tribes are in lieu of all other income, and receipts from Trust Funds shall be credited to the General Fund.)		

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(Any balances in the Dept. of Health and Welfare on June 30, 1954 shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to be expended for the same purposes.)

Total Health and Welfare	\$ 7,580,509	\$ 7,594,903
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**HISTORIAN, STATE**

Expenses	500	500
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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION	72,342	72,792
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**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

Administrative

Departmental Operations	28,829	27,637
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Parole Board	51,440	51,220
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Mackworth Island	4,535	4,470
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*Institutional Emergency Fund	—	—
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\*(Any balance in the Institutional Emergency Fund on June 30, 1953, up to the amount of \$469,588.00 shall not lapse but shall be carried forward to be expended for the same purposes during the 1953-54 and 1954-55 fiscal years.)

Total Administrative	84,804	83,327
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Institutions

Augusta State Hospital	1,642,694	1,648,775
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Bangor State Hospital	1,283,627	1,287,630
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Boys, State School for	183,895	184,367
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Central Maine Sanatorium	529,575	537,000
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Operation and Maintenance of New Medical and Surgical Building	—	75,000
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Deaf, Maine School for	141,301	141,354
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Girls, State School for	207,459	208,659
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Men's Reformatory	187,085	186,295
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Military and Naval Children's Home	50,130	48,139
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Northern Maine Sanatorium	285,990	287,474
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Department	1953-54	1954-55
Pownal State School	\$ 1,072,260	\$ 1,088,508
Prison, Maine State (Current or accrued profits from Prison Industries may be made available by Governor and Council for Institutional operation if necessary.)	400,294	393,669
Western Maine Sanatorium	334,886	337,613
Women's Reformatory	185,075	182,788
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Total Institutions	6,504,271	6,607,271
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Total Institutional Service	6,589,075	6,690,598
INSURANCE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Departmental Operations	39,099	38,859
Fire Insurance	85,000	85,000
Fidelity Insurance	3,050	3,050
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Total Insurance Department	127,149	126,909
INTERSTATE COOPERATION, COMMISSION ON		
	3,500	3,500
LABOR AND INDUSTRY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Departmental Operations	71,032	69,257
LEGISLATIVE		
*Legislative Expense	352,231	46,679
*(Any balance of this appropriation shall not lapse but be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.)		
Legislative Research Committee	45,463	25,492
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Total Legislative	397,694	72,171
LIBRARY, STATE OF MAINE		
Departmental Operations	92,262	92,541
Maine Court Reports and Ancient Vital Records—Purchase and Distribution	4,220	4,220
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Total Library	96,482	96,761

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Department	1953-54	1954-55
MAINE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION (See Contributions and Transfers)		
MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
MERIT AWARD BOARD	—	—
PARK COMMISSION, STATE		
Departmental Operations	76,032	74,493
PARK COMMISSION, BAXTER STATE	16,965	16,354
PERSONNEL, DEPARTMENT OF		
Departmental Operations	68,858	69,280
Advisory Council on Personnel	250	250
Total Personnel Department	69,108	69,530
POLICE STATE (90% Highway Fund; 10% General Fund. See Contributions and Transfers to Other Funds.)		
Fingerprinting of School Children	9,879	10,127
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, SUPERINTENDENT OF		
Departmental Operations	225,701	223,174
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION		
Departmental Operations	111,561	112,164
*Topographic Mapping	10,000	10,000
*(Any unexpended balance of the Topographic Mapping appropriation shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.)		
Total Public Utilities Commission	121,561	122,164
PURCHASES, BUREAU OF		
Departmental Operations	51,599	52,157
Central Mailing Room	14,965	14,801
Division of Public Printing	17,530	16,256
Total Bureau of Purchases	84,094	83,214

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Department	1953-54	1954-55
RACING COMMISSION (HARNESS)	\$ 22,959	\$ 23,230
RACING COMMISSION (RUNNING)	24,686	23,891
SALARY PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES	400,000	400,000
SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES		
Departmental Operations	178,495	180,111
Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission	13,587	14,311
Closed Clam Areas Program	357	8,872
Total Sea and Shore Fisheries	192,439	203,294
SECRETARY OF STATE		
Departmental Operations	33,461	35,300
Elections	36,200	41,650
Total Secretary of State	69,661	76,950
SUPREME JUDICIAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS		
Departmental Operations	287,000	289,000
Expenses—Reporter of Decisions	1,500	1,500
Total Supreme, Judicial and Superior Courts	288,500	290,500
TAXATION, BUREAU OF		
Departmental Operations	458,152	462,001
Delinquent Tax Lands	1,000	1,000
Total Bureau of Taxation	459,152	463,001
TREASURER OF STATE		
Personal Services	28,744	28,296
Other Departmental Operations	16,395	17,515
Total Treasurer of State	45,139	45,811
UNIFORM LEGISLATION, COMMISSIONERS OF		
Expenses	900	1,500

CONSTRUCTION OF DORMITORY AT U. OF M.		737
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Department	1953-54	1954-55
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE	\$ 1,656,616	\$ 1,708,528
VETERANS' AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF		
Departmental Operations	81,171	82,256
World War Assistance	409,542	425,923
General Law Pensions	25,000	25,000
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Total Veterans' Affairs	515,713	533,179
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Total—All Appropriations	\$33,108,784	\$33,127,879
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Amounting to \$33,108,784 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and \$33,127,879 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect July 1, 1953.

Effective July 1, 1953

## Chapter 146

### AN ACT Providing for Construction of Dormitory at the University of Maine and Appropriating Moneys Therefor.

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

**Sec. 1. Additional dormitory, construction of.** The University of Maine is authorized to construct one men's dormitory with a capacity of 250 or more students.

**Sec. 2. Authorization to borrow for dormitory.** The University of Maine is authorized to borrow moneys in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to provide funds to aid in the construction of a dormitory mentioned in section 1. Any loans thus made shall not be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state. The authorization to borrow under the provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 1955, but any loan made prior to July 1, 1955 may be renewed or extended during a period of 10 years from the date of the original loan.