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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-sixth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1871, c. 636, § 13, repealed and replaced. Section 13 of chapter 636 of the private and special laws of 1871, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 13. Recorder, duties; processes to bear seal; absence of judge. The recorder and judge shall have equal authority in criminal cases to hear and draft complaints, administer oaths, take bail, and sign all processes of commitment. All processes issued by the recorder in civil and criminal matters shall bear the seal of the court and be signed by him, and they shall have the same effect as though signed by the judge. When the judge is absent from the court room, or is interested, or if the office of judge is vacant, it shall be the duty of the recorder and he shall have authority to exercise all the powers of the judge.'

Effective August 8, 1953

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## Chapter 159

### AN ACT to Make Allocations from the General Highway Fund 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 the state highway commission 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:*

Sec. 1. Allocation of general highway fund. Income to the general highway fund for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954, and from July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955—shall be segregated, apportioned, and expended as designated in the following schedules:

ALLOCATIONS FROM GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND

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Department	1953-54	1954-55
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>		
Highway Administration	\$ 516,337	\$ 539,869
Topographic Mapping	10,000	10,000
Secretary of State—Motor Vehicle Div.	449,324	450,530
Automobile Registration Building	14,077	12,445
Radio Operation	52,056	42,723
Island Refunds—Registrations	7,500	7,500
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>		
State Police Administration	960,776	965,375
State Police Headquarters	11,648	11,535
<b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES</b>		
Contingent Expenses	151,350	151,350
Construction and Reconstruction State Aid Roads	1,739,200	1,739,200
Bridge Maintenance	460,575	460,575
Construction of Picnic Areas	25,000	25,000
Traffic Services	150,000	150,000
Maintenance of State and State Aid Roads	6,603,500	6,603,500
Town Road Improvement Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Compensation for Injuries	50,000	50,000
Snow Removal	2,439,000	2,439,000
Grade Crossing Protection	20,000	20,000
Bridge Construction	809,000	809,000
Highway Construction—State and Federal	4,670,000	5,000,000
<b>BOND RETIREMENT</b>	<b>1,719,000</b>	<b>1,811,500</b>
<b>BOND INTEREST</b>	<b>746,590</b>	<b>697,980</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS</b>		
To General Fund:		
Accounting Services	52,300	52,300
Auditing Services	4,200	4,200
Purchasing Services	1,425	2,075
Legal Services	12,000	12,000
Bureau of Taxation, administration of Gasoline and Use Fuel Tax	40,979	40,936
To Other Special Revenue Funds:		
Auditing Services	5,500	5,750

Department	1953-54	1954-55
To Trust and Agency Funds:		
Employees' Retirement System—Pension	\$ 210,867	\$ 208,600
Employees' Retirement System—Expense	4,000	4,100
To Working Capital Funds:		
Purchase and Installation of Equipment and		
Materials for Production Registration Plates	60,000	—
Total Legislative Allocations	\$22,996,204	\$23,327,043

**Sec. 2. Flood damage.** There is further apportioned the sum of \$250,000 to be immediately available for the purpose of aiding in repairing the damage caused to town ways by the floods that occurred during the last week of March, 1953. The towns and the state shall share equally in the cost of the repair, and the money shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the state highway commission.

**Sec. 3. Reduction in revenue.** In the event that actual revenue receipts are less than the estimated revenue projected for either year of the biennium ending June 30, 1955, the state highway commission, with the approval of the governor and council, shall reduce the funds herein allocated for new construction of highways, except those highways which may be determined by the state highway commission and the governor and council to be vital for national security purposes. The reduction in allocations to be such as to offset, as nearly as possible, the reduction in revenue.

**Sec. 4. Allocation of the unappropriated general highway fund surplus.** The unappropriated general highway fund surplus, with the approval of the governor and council, may be apportioned by the state highway commission for any of the purposes set forth in section 1 hereof.

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

Effective May 7, 1953

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## Chapter 160

**AN ACT to make Allocations from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game Receipts 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