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Sec. 2. R. S., c. 89, § 130, amended. That part of section 130 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes which relates to the salary of the county treasurer of Androscoggin county is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Androscoggin, ~~\$2,750~~ \$3,500.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 89, § 149, amended. That part of section 149 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes which relates to the salary of the sheriff of Androscoggin county is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Androscoggin, ~~\$3,850~~ \$4,050.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 149, § 24, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 24 of chapter 149 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The county of Androscoggin shall have 2 probation officers, one to be designated probation officer and one to be designated assistant probation officer; and the county commissioners for Androscoggin county shall pay the probation officer a salary of ~~\$3,300~~ \$3,800, annually, and shall pay the assistant probation officer a salary of ~~\$2,400~~ \$2,800, annually; and furthermore the probation officers for Androscoggin county shall be entitled to select a clerk or stenographer for the probation office, and the probation office, and the county commissioners shall appropriate the sum of ~~\$2,080~~ \$2,340, annually, for such clerk hire. Furthermore, the county commissioners for Androscoggin county shall provide suitable quarters in the county building for this office.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 153, § 22, amended. That part of section 22 of chapter 153 of the revised statutes which relates to the salary of the register of probate of Androscoggin county is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Androscoggin, ~~\$2,750~~ \$3,000.'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 89, § 215, amended. That part of section 215 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes which relates to the salary of the register of deeds of Androscoggin county is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Androscoggin, ~~\$3,300~~ \$4,000.'

Sec. 7. R. S., c. 89, § 114, amended. That part of section 114 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes which relates to the salary of the county attorney and assistant county attorney of Androscoggin county is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Androscoggin, ~~\$3,300~~ \$3,500; assistant county attorney, ~~\$2,400~~ \$2,700.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 465

AN ACT Relating to Vocational Rehabilitation.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Public Law 565 enacted by the 83rd Congress expands and affords greater vocational rehabilitation services to the states; and

Whereas, the Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments of 1954, enacted by Public Law 565 of the 83rd Congress and the federal appropriation for vocational rehabilitation make possible and encourage an expansion of services for the benefit of handicapped adults with the object that as many people as possible will be returned to gainful employment and made either partially or wholly self-supporting, as well as taxpayers and contributors to the State and national economy; and

Whereas, the State program is financed from State and Federal funds and is based on a State plan of operation, the new Federal Statute requires that a new and broader State plan be in force on July 1, 1955, and the present Maine plan is based on legislation enacted in the early nineteen-twenties and is not adequate to provide the program which the new legislation makes possible.

Whereas, it is necessary to prepare a State plan of operations and agreement with the Federal Government which will be effective prior to July 1, 1955; and

Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; 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. 41, § 199, repealed and replaced. Section 199 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 199. Vocational rehabilitation; policy; State Board of Education as State agency. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this State to provide rehabilitation services to eligible handicapped persons throughout the State to the end that they may engage in useful and remunerative occupations to the extent of their capabilities, thereby increasing their social and economic well-being and that of their families, and the productive capacity of this State and also thereby reducing the burden of dependency on families and taxpayers.

Pursuant to such policies, the State Board of Education is hereby designated and established as the sole State Agency to provide vocational rehabilitation services to all residents of the State under the provisions of Public Law 565, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session, except the blind as provided for under chapter 25. Subject to the approval of the State Board of Education, the executive officer of the State Board shall make such rules and regulations as he finds necessary or appropriate to efficient administration of a program of vocational rehabilitation as herein provided for, shall enter into agreements with local, State and Federal agencies providing services relating to vocational rehabilitation and shall prepare and issue a State plan of vocational rehabilitation which, under the above condition, shall be amended from time to time as appears necessary or desirable.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 200, repealed and replaced. Section 200 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 200. Appropriation; Federal and other funds. The Legislature shall appropriate for vocational rehabilitation services such sums as it finds necessary.

The acceptance of federal and other funds made available for purposes of vocational rehabilitation is hereby authorized and the State Board of Education is empowered to cooperate with the appropriate Federal agencies in carrying out the provisions of Public Law 565, 83rd Congress, 2nd Session cited as the "Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments of 1954" and such other federal programs as may concern vocational rehabilitation, and to contract with schools, hospitals and other agencies and with doctors, nurses, technicians and other persons, for training, physical restoration, transportation and other services required to carry on a program of vocational rehabilitation.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 41, § 201, repealed and replaced. Section 201 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 201. Cooperation with other agencies. In accordance with the provisions of sections 199 to 202, inclusive, the State Board of Education shall cooperate with and utilize the services of State agencies interested in problems related to vocational rehabilitation; shall make use of the services and facilities of the Maine Employment Security Commission especially as they relate to job placement and employment counselling services; and shall, subject to such standards and regulations as may be established by the State Board, cooperate with other public and nonprofit organizations and agencies as far as possible in providing vocational rehabilitation services.'

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$26,412 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, and \$52,621 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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

Effective May 21, 1955

Chapter 466

AN ACT Creating the Board of Construction Safety Rules and Regulations.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 30, § 4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 4. Powers to enter manufacturing establishment. The Commissioner as State Factory Inspector, and any authorized agent of the Department, may enter any factory or mill, construction activity, workshop, private works or state institutions which have shops or factories, when the same are open or in operation, for the purpose of gathering facts and statistics such as are contemplated by this section and the 2 preceding sections, and may examine into the methods of protection from danger to employees and the sanitary conditions in and around such buildings and places, and may make a record of such inspection.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 30, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to read as follows: