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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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In the event that the State Highway from Eastport to Perry, Route 190, should be reconstructed in whole or in part at the location known as the Carlow Island route, then the State Highway Commission is authorized and directed to remove the present bridge between Eastport and Perry over the waterway known as Bar Harbor, the cost of such removal to be paid from the above allocation for Highway Construction—State and Federal.

Sec. 2. 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, 1957, 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. 3. 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 and for the construction and reconstruction of state aid roads.

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

Effective May 21, 1955

Chapter 213

AN ACT to Appropriate Moneys for Legislative Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending 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, sufficient funds were not provided to cover the expenses of the 97th Legislature incurred while in session; and

Whereas, funds available for legislative expenses are nearly exhausted, it is, therefore, necessary to provide additional funds for the increased operating costs of the current legislative session; 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:

Appropriation for legislative expenditures. In order to provide for the necessary legislative expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as desig-

nated in the following tabulations, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated.

Department	1954-55
Legislative	\$35,000

Any balance of this appropriation shall not lapse but be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the same purposes.

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

Effective May 21, 1955

Chapter 214

AN ACT Directing Review of General Statutes of Towns.

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

Sec. 1. Review of general statutes of towns authorized. The Attorney General is authorized, during the fiscal years commencing July 1, 1955 and terminating June 30, 1957, to study the present general provisions of the statutes relating to municipalities and in particular Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, and to report to the next regular session of the Legislature such changes and amendments as may appear to be necessary or desirable to consolidate and complete such statutes so as to eliminate archaic and contradictory provisions now found in the law and to make such statutes more readily understandable and useful to the municipalities and persons affected thereby. For this purpose the Attorney General may employ such technical and clerical assistance as he may find necessary.

Sec. 2. Advisory Committee. The Attorney General is further authorized to appoint an Advisory Committee of not more than 12 persons representing municipalities to consult with him and advise during the progress of such study; the members of such Committee to be paid necessary expenses actually incurred in attending such meetings as shall be called by the Attorney General.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State the sum of \$13,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act, and said sum shall not lapse but shall remain as a carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 215

AN ACT to Make Supplemental Allocations from the General Highway Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1956 and June 30, 1957.

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

Additional allocations of general highway fund. Income to the General Highway Fund for the next two fiscal years—from July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956,