

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

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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,

and from July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957—derived from additional tax on gasoline shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedule:

Department	1955-56	1956-57
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES		
Maintenance of State and State Aid Roads	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Bridge Construction	340,000	—
Highway Construction—State and Federal	24,000	943,000
	\$394,000	\$973,000
Total Legislative Allocations	\$394,000	\$973,000

Effective August 20, 1955

## Chapter 216

### AN ACT Making Additional Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes 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:*

**Sec. 1. 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, 1955 to June 30, 1956, and from July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957—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 moneys 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 and Administration, 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.

It is the intent of the Legislature that allotments for personal services, capital expenditures and amounts for all other departmental expenses shall not exceed the amounts shown in the budget document or as they may be revised by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs unless approved by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and the Governor and Council.

It is 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, 1956 and June 30, 1957. 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.

Whenever it appears to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration 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.