

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-eighth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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islature and representatives of the public generally; such committees to continue further study as authorized by chapter 169 of the resolves of 1955.

Sec. 2. Expenses. The members of the committee shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Any technical assistance to be employed shall be first approved by the Governor and Council.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State the sum of \$20,000 to carry out the purposes of this act and to pay for necessary office work, materials and necessary expenses of the committees. Such appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1959.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 187

AN ACT Directing Review of Election Laws.

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

Sec. 1. Review of election laws. The Secretary of State is authorized, during the fiscal years commencing July 1, 1957 and terminating June 30, 1959, to study the present general provisions of the statutes relating to elections and in particular Chapters 3 to 9, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes, and to report to the next regular session of the Legislature such changes and amendments as may be necessary or desirable to consolidate such statutes so as to make such statutes more readily understandable, workable and useful to the persons affected thereby. For this purpose the Secretary of State may employ such technical and clerical assistance and hold such public hearings as may be necessary.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund of the State the sum of \$7,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Said sum shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1959.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 188

AN ACT to Incorporate the Town of Medford.

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

Sec. 1. Town of Medford, incorporated. The unorganized territory of Medford, with the inhabitants therein, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Medford. The inhabitants of said town are hereby vested with the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within the State do or may enjoy. The town hereby created shall take the effects belonging to the former Town of Medford and later to the Plantation of Medford and which have not heretofore been legally disposed of by the State or by the County of Piscataquis.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This act shall become effective for all purposes, except education, at the annual meeting in March, 1958.

Sec. 3. Effective date for education. This act shall become effective for education purposes July 1, 1958, on which date the Town of Medford shall assume full responsibility for providing the educational opportunities as required and permitted under the laws of the State, and the Town of Medford shall thereafter be subject to the same requirements, benefits and privileges as other towns in the State. The first full subsidy payment under the provisions of the General Purpose Educational Aid Law shall be due and payable December, 1959, said subsidy to be based on expenditures made by the State for the unorganized territory of Medford, as described in sections 159 to 166, inclusive, of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, it being the intent to base subsidy on the expenditures Medford would have made had it been an organized municipality.

Sec. 4. Responsibility of State. The State of Maine shall assume responsibility for any outstanding indebtedness at the time of reincorporation; and thereafter neither the Town of Medford nor the inhabitants therein shall be deemed responsible for any obligations incurred prior to these dates.

Sec. 5. Town not required to be a member of the Maine Forestry District. After the effective date of this act in March, 1958, the Town of Medford shall not be required to be a member of the Maine Forestry District, except as other towns are required or permitted to do so.

Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the unorganized territory of Medford at an election to be called and held within said territory on the third Monday in September, 1957. Such election shall be called, held and conducted by the Secretary of State in the same manner as local option elections in unorganized territory are conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 23 of chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, except that no petition for said election shall be required.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 50% of the total number of registered voters in said unorganized territory.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the Secretary of State and due certificate thereof filed by him in his office.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 189

AN ACT Authorizing Sunset Real Estate Corporation to Construct a Bridge Across Medomak River.

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

Construction of bridge across Medomak river authorized. Sunset Real Estate Corporation, its successors and assigns are hereby authorized and empowered to