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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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# STATE OF MAINE

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'It is the purpose and intent of this chapter to authorize every authority to do any and all things necessary or desirable to secure the financial aid or cooperation of the Federal Government in the undertaking, construction, maintenance or operation of any project by such authority; ~~provided, however, that no.~~ No authority shall enter into any contract for loans, grants, contributions or other financial assistance with the Federal Government for any project unless or until the governing body of its city, after referendum duly held thereon, and a majority of the voters voting, having voted in favor thereof, or the annual meeting of its town, as the case may be, shall, by resolution duly adopted, have approved its entering into such contract ~~prior to April 1, 1961.~~'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 93, § 17, amended. Section 17 of chapter 93 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 5 of chapter 395 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended by adding at the end 2 new paragraphs, to read as follows:

'No authority of any city in excess of 60,000 population shall enter into any contract for loans, grants, contributions or other financial assistance with the Federal Government for any project unless or until a majority of the voters of such city, voting in a referendum duly held, have voted in favor of the question: "Do you favor the development of approximately . . . . . dwelling units of low-rent housing for persons of low income to be constructed in the . . . . . area, bounded as follows: . . . . ., within the territorial boundaries of the city for which the housing authority of the city may enter into agreements or contracts with the Federal Government for loans, grants, contributions or other financial assistance?"'

The number of dwelling units and the location to be inserted in the proposed question shall be determined by appropriate resolution of the authority which shall furnish the city clerk with a copy thereof. The governing body shall authorize and make the necessary provisions for the holding of said referendum on a date no later than 60 calendar days from the receipt of said resolution by the city clerk. No authority of such city shall enter into any contract for loans, grants, contributions or other financial assistance with the Federal Government unless or until the governing body of such city shall, by resolution duly adopted, have approved its application to the Federal Government for such financial assistance.'

Effective September 12, 1959

## Chapter 352

### AN ACT Providing for an Executive Secretary for the Highway Safety Committee.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, highway accidents constitute a grave danger to the people of this State; and

Whereas, the Maine Highway Safety Committee needs to coordinate its efforts in saving lives and property; and

Whereas, in order to do this effectively, a full-time employee is needed; and

Whereas, this Bill provides for a full-time executive secretary who will provide the coordination needed; 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. 23, § 37-C, amended.** Section 37-C of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 366 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

**'The Governor shall appoint a person nominated by the executive board to be executive secretary for a term of 4 years and shall fix his salary.'**

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purpose of this act the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961. The breakdown of the above appropriated funds shall be as follows:

	1959-60	1960-61
Personal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000

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

Effective June 13, 1959

## Chapter 353

### AN ACT to Clarify Procedure for Reorganization of School Administrative Units.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 93, amended.** Section 93 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 62 of the public laws of 1955 and by section 49 of chapter 364 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended by adding after the first sentence, a new sentence, as follows:

**'It shall be the duty of any superintending school committee, community school committee or board of school directors to accept tuition pupils from any nearby administrative unit that has a total April 1st resident pupil count of 10 or less pupils when so requested by the State Board of Education.'**

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 111-E, amended.** Section 111-E of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1-B of chapter 364 of the public laws of 1957 and as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 443 of the public laws of 1957, is amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

**'The School District Commission may, in addition to the power conferred in this section, approve the formation of a school administrative district which had not more than 299 nor less than 50 resident secondary pupils educated at**