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Chapter 92

AN ACT Relating to Planting Forest Nursery Tree Seedlings.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, there are 16½ million forest tree seedlings on order or sign-up to meet the needs of the Federal Soil Bank, Agricultural Conservation Reserve, and private financial planting, and between 6 and 7 million seedlings will be available for planting in the fall of 1959 and spring of 1960; and

Whereas, this volume of seedlings requires the use of planting machines not now available and the date of ordering such machines must be advanced to assure delivery and the hiring of labor and tractors in time for planting in 1959; and

Whereas, time is required to obtain approval of planting areas and tree assignment well in advance of actual planting operations; and

Whereas, the following legislation is immediately necessary in order to assure the planting of forest tree seedlings, already growing at the State Nursery, on abandoned fields, pastures, cut-over and burned areas, and such plantings provide for the growing and harvesting of future timber crops on which the economy of Maine is dependent; 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. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$17,000 to be made available immediately and used by the State of Maine Forestry Department for the purchase of planting machines.

Sec. 2. Repayment. Receipts from rental of the planting machines shall be credited to the General Fund.

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

Effective April 2, 1959

Chapter 93

AN ACT Relating to Transfer to State of Maine of Portland Bridge, Cumberland County.

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

Sec. 1. Bond issue authorized. The county commissioners of Cumberland County, in order to provide funds to pay for the repair and reconstruction of

Portland Bridge are authorized to issue interest-bearing bonds of said Cumberland County to an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. Said bonds shall bear such rates of interest and mature at such times as said county commissioners may determine; but none of which shall run for a longer period than 20 years from date of original issue thereof. Such bonds shall be valid without first obtaining the consent of said county as provided in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 89, sections 27 and 29.

The county commissioners of Cumberland County are further authorized and directed to order the transfer of the proceeds from sale of said bonds and an additional \$49,900 from 1959-1960 current funds of the county from the county treasury to the Treasurer of State for the use of the State Highway Commission for repairs to that portion of Portland Bridge presently maintained by it, and the county treasurer shall carry out such order and receive the receipt of the Treasurer of State for same.

Sec. 2. Portland Terminal Company relieved from further maintenance. The Portland Terminal Company shall pay to the Treasurer of State for the use of the State Highway Commission for purposes stated herein, the sum of \$50,000 on or before the effective date of this act, after which it shall be relieved of all further responsibility for maintenance and repair of any portion of Portland Bridge as set forth in the private and special laws of 1913, chapter 234.

Sec. 3. Portland Bridge transferred to State of Maine. The title of Portland Bridge, now resting in the County of Cumberland, is hereby transferred and vested in the State of Maine. The State Highway Commission is hereby directed to make all necessary repairs and improvements to Portland Bridge and to maintain it hereafter, and the County of Cumberland is hereby relieved of any further responsibility in connection with same. That portion of the Portland Bridge which is known as the "Clark Street Viaduct" shall be discontinued as a public way at the option of the State Highway Commission.

Effective September 12, 1959

Chapter 94

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the City of Biddeford.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, buildings presently housing school pupils of the City of Biddeford are overcrowded, inadequate and in need of repair; and

Whereas, the overcrowded and inadequate conditions of such schools are detrimental to the health, safety and quality of schooling of such pupils; and

Whereas, under the present charter of the City of Biddeford it is impossible to provide adequate facilities for the schooling of such pupils; 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 legis-