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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Second Legislature

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of employees, to reflect the number of employees which in their opinion is necessary to the proper operation of each department, institution or agency.

The Personnel Board is directed to require merit ratings on each individual who is recommended for a salary increase on a form prescribed by the board. Department heads are directed that the granting of merit increases be scrutinized and documented carefully. It is the intent of the Legislature that in instances where merit increases are not earned and warranted they should be denied.

Sec. 3. Exclusion. Exclusive of the provisions of sections 1 and 2 above, the commission may expend up to \$50,000 for Capital Expenditures in each year of the 1965-66 and 1966-67 biennium.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1965.

Effective July 1, 1965

Chapter 201

AN ACT Providing for a Legislative Conference Prior to the Convening of the 103rd Legislature.

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

Sec. 1. Prelegislative conference. The Legislative Research Committee is authorized to plan for a prelegislative conference to be held prior to the convening of the 103rd Legislature in regular session to brief the incoming Legislators on the programs of the several state departments, the problems of State Government and the procedures of the Legislature. Such conference shall be held in Augusta in lieu of Orono.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Legislative Research Committee the sum of \$12,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any balance shall not lapse until June 30, 1967.

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 202

AN ACT Directing Review of Governmental Immunity.

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

Sec. 1. Review of governmental immunity authorized. The Attorney General is authorized, during the fiscal years commencing July 1, 1965, and terminating June 30, 1967, to study the present general provisions of the statutes and case law relating to governmental immunity of the State, of counties and of municipalities; and to report to the 103rd Legislature the results of such study, together with recommendations for amendments and additions to existing stat-

utes intended to modernize procedures relating thereto. 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 9 persons representing the State, municipalities, counties, the House and Senate chairmen of the Judiciary Committee of the 102nd Legislature, the Maine Bar Association, the Plaintiffs' Attorneys Association and the Maine Municipal Association, 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 appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Said sum shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1967.

Effective September 3, 1965

Chapter 203

AN ACT Making Additional Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1966 and June 30, 1967.

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, the said 90-day period will not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of departments and institutions will become due and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1965; 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. 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, 1965 to June 30, 1966 and from July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967—the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulations, are 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 State Budget Officer, the State Controller shall authorize expenditures of these appropriations and revenues accruing thereto,