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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Third Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of said Act, the Governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the Act shall thereupon become effective in 30 days after the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing Act, accompanied by a copy thereof.

Effective May 11, 1966

Chapter 260

AN ACT Relating to Appropriation to Adjust State Employees' Pay.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, because of competitive salaries being paid in industry and other governmental jurisdictions, salaries paid state employees must be adjusted in order to retain and recruit workers; and

Whereas, great hardships will be caused among the employees unless such salary scale is adjusted; and

Whereas, efficiency of the administration of State Government in all departments is vitally affected; and

Whereas, efficient administration of state business is vital to the well-being of the State and to its citizens; 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 General Fund the sum of \$2,929,994 to effectuate as of the first pay period in January, 1966 and to effectuate as of the first pay period in July, 1966, a pay adjustment plan for state employees to be incorporated into the official State Pay Plan, adopted by the State Personnel Board. The above appropriated funds are for both classified and unclassified positions in the General Fund. Any balance at June 30, 1966, shall not lapse but shall carry forward into the 1966-67 fiscal year to be used for the same purpose. The breakdown of expenditures shall be as follows:

DEPARTMENT	1965-66	1966-67
Employees Salary Plan		
Personal Services	\$497,439	\$2,432,555

Sec. 2. Unclassified employees subject to Governor and Council determination. With respect to unclassified employees whose wage rates are subject to Governor and Council determination, the Governor and Council shall grant similar and equitable treatment.

Sec. 3. Unclassified employees not subject to Governor and Council determination. With respect to unclassified employees whose wage rates are not subject to determination by the Governor and Council, the authorities responsible for determining the wage rates of such employees shall grant similar and equitable treatment.

Sec. 4. Utilization by other funds. Wages of employees in departments supported by the Highway Fund, Special Revenue Funds or other funds shall not be adjusted from moneys provided for the General Fund Pay Plan, but shall be adjusted from funds available to the department from other sources.

Sec. 5. Intent. It is the intent of the Legislature to adjust the ranges of the state salary schedule to reflect competitive wages now being paid by commerce and industry throughout the State of Maine, and by other New England State Governments. It also is the intent of the Legislature that all state employees shall receive the aforementioned wage increases on the following basis, as applied to Pay Grades listed in the State Pay Plan: 2 steps for Grades 1 to 25; 1½ step for Grade 26; one step for Grades 27 to 46.

It is also the intent of the Legislature that Grades 1 to 25 be granted a one-step increase as of the first pay period in January, 1966; that an additional one-step increase be granted Grades 1 to 25 as of the first pay period for the fiscal year 1967, beginning the first pay period in July, 1966; that a 1½ step increase for Grade 26, and a one-step increase for Grades 27 to 46 be granted as of the first pay period in July, 1966.

It is also the intent of the Legislature that Highway Maintenance Grades I, II, IIa, III and IV and Highway Foremen I and II shall be granted similar and equitable hourly pay increases as would relate to the comparable grades in the State Pay Plan, effective the first pay period of January, 1966.

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

Effective February 3, 1966

Chapter 261

AN ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Two Million Nine Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and to Appropriate Moneys for Construction, Extension and Improvement for Airports.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with Section 14 of Article IX of the Constitution to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide construction, extension and improvement for airports.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for construction, extension and improvement for airports. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor and Council, to issue from time to time serial coupon bonds in the name and behalf of the State to an amount not exceeding \$2,950,000 for the