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### ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## STATE OF MAINE

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but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act at each of said meetings equalled or exceeded 15% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in said towns at the next preceding gubernatorial election, but failure of approval by the necessary percentage of voters at any such meetings shall not prevent a subsequent meeting or meetings to be held for said purpose on or before January 1, 1973. The result of the votes shall be declared by the municipal officers of the towns and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerks with the Secretary of State.

Effective May 6, 1971

#### Chapter 80

AN ACT to Provide Funds for the Construction and Equipping of a Maine Information Center at Kittery.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the present building at Kittery will be demolished Labor Day of this year; and

Whereas, if funds are held until 90 days after adjournment, starting construction this year would be doubtful; and

Whereas, vacation-travel is a key element of the economy of the State of Maine, and an information center at the gateway to the State is vital to the promotion of this industry; and

Whereas, starting construction this year is imperative to minimize the interruption of service, as the State of Maine will be without an information center for 6 months even with approval of this Act and for a period of at least a year without the emergency clause, and with the probability of incurring higher construction costs with a delay; 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. Information Center Building Committee. There is created a committee composed of 6 persons to be known as the Kittery Information Center Building Committee. The members shall be as follows: A representative of the Highway Commission, a representative of York County to be named by the county's legislative delegation, a representative from the Maine Publicity Bureau, one member of the Joint Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to be appointed by the chairman of the committee, the Director of Vacation Travel of the Department of Economic Development, and a representative of the Maine Hotel-Motel Association.

The representative of the Highway Commission shall be chairman pro tem to call an organizational meeting. The committee shall elect a chairman and such other officers as it wants.

Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

#### Sec. 2. Duties. The committee shall:

- I. Hire an architect to design, prepare plans and specifications and supervise construction of a tourist information center at Kittery.
- 2. The building shall be designed to be compatible with the Highway Commission rest facilities to be erected in the area.
- 3. Contract for the construction and equipping of such tourist information center.
- Sec. 3. Term and compensation. The committee shall continue in existence for one year after the information center is completed and accepted by the committee. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses at the same rates as provided for state employees.
- Sec. 4. Termination. When the information center is completed it shall be turned over to the Property Management Division of the Bureau of Public Improvements for maintenance. Any funds in the Department of Economic Development budget for operation and maintenance of the present building shall be used for the same purpose with the new building.
- Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Kittery Information Center Building Committee from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$175,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any balance at June 30, 1971 shall not lapse but shall carry forward until the purpose for which the appropriation is made shall be accomplished.

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

Effective May 7, 1971

#### Chapter 81

AN ACT Making Additional Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1971.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of 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 necessary to the operation of departments and institutions will become due and payable before July 1, 1971; and