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Referendum; effective date. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the district at a special election or elections called and held for the purpose. Said elections shall be called by the municipal officers of the Town of Jackman and shall be held at the regular voting places; the dates of said elections shall be determined by said municipal officers, but the first such meeting of said town shall not be later than the first day of November, 1971. Such special elections shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, the board of registration shall not be required to prepare nor the town clerk to post a new list of voters; and for this purpose said board of registration shall be in session on the 3 secular days next preceding such election, the first and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up its records of said session. The town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Incorporate the Jackman Water District, passed by the 105th Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters of said district voting at such elections, but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act in said special election equals or exceeds 20% of the total number of names on the check list of voters of said district provided for herein, which check list shall be used at such election; but failure of approval by the necessary majority or percentage of voters shall not prevent subsequent elections.

The results of such elections shall be declared by the municipal officers of said Town of Jackman and due certificates thereof filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.

Effective June 21, 1971

Chapter 120

AN ACT Relating to Committees on Status of Women, Children and Youth, and the Aged.

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

PART A

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sec. 1. Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, reactivated. The Governor shall appoint a committee of 30 members consisting of one each from the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Welfare, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, the Department of Labor and Industry, the Maine Employment Security Commission, the Division of Economic Opportunity of the Executive Department, the Arts and Humanities Commission, the Environmental Improvement Commission, the Department of Indian Affairs, the Maine State Police and 18 representative citizens, 7 of whom shall be youths. The Governor shall designate the chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties of the committee. The Governor's Committee on Children and Youth shall :

1. Promote and develop effective programs of education, health, recreation, welfare and public safety and correctional services for children and youth ;
2. Conduct continuing programs of public information to educate the public as to problems of children and youth using such means, among others, as promotion of needed legislation and appropriations, and strengthening of public administration and personnel resources ;
3. Assist and encourage governmental and private agencies and citizen groups to coordinate their efforts on behalf of children and youth ;
4. Cooperate with the Federal Government and with the governments of other states and cities in programs relating to children and youth ;
5. Conduct programs of research as to the needs of children and youth in order to facilitate more comprehensive and better related social planning and action ;
6. Cooperate with those state departments and commissions which are concerned with the needs of and services to children and youth by making the fullest possible use of the experience and resources of those departments ;
7. Provide a means for youth to express themselves and present their opinions to the Maine legislative body ;
8. Provide leadership and consultant service to area committees on children and youth in the development of area programs ;
9. To serve as a child advocate for any child in the State, who, because of his immaturity, legal disability, dependency, lack of parental support or lack of status in the community, needs a dedicated champion for the protection of his liberty or health when he is deprived of his home, schooling, medical care, property, rights, entitlements or benefits or is subjected to involuntary treatment that may be detrimental to his general welfare ;
10. Furnish the Governor and the 106th Legislature a biennial report during the legislative session.

Sec. 3. Clerical assistance. The committee may employ clerical assistance when justified and appoint and organize subcommittees as needed to carry out its duties.

Sec. 4. Time of meetings and expenses. The committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman not less than 10 times each biennium. The members of the committee or authorized subcommittees shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Such expenses shall be governed by the rules and regulations covering all state departments.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973 to carry out the purposes of Part A of this Act.

PART B

WOMEN

Sec. 1. Advisory Council on the Status of Women, reactivated; membership. The Governor shall appoint an Advisory Council on the Status of Women of 17 members, hereinafter in this Part called the "council." In making appointments to the council, the Governor shall give consideration to citizens who are currently providing leadership in status of women programs on the state and local level. The Governor shall designate the chairman and vice-chairman. The various state departments shall assist the council in the furtherance of its duties.

Sec. 2. Duties and activities. The council shall act in an advisory and consultative capacity and may promote and coordinate activities designed to meet the problems of women on the state and community levels, including information on effective programs elsewhere in the State and nation.

Sec. 3. Subcommittees. The council is authorized to appoint subcommittees.

Sec. 4. Consultants and research projects. The council is authorized to employ consultants and contract for such research projects as it deems necessary.

Sec. 5. Conference. During the biennium, the council shall hold a State Governor's Conference on the Status of Women, or hold regional conferences.

Sec. 6. Report. The council shall make a report to the Governor concerning the work and interests of the council at the end of the biennium.

Sec. 7. Termination of appointment. The Governor may terminate the appointment of any member of the council for good and just cause and the reason for the termination of each appointment shall be communicated to each member of the council.

Sec. 8. Meetings. The council shall meet at the call of the chairman and not less than 3 times during each year. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in work of the council at the prevalent state rates.

Sec. 9. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$2,210 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and the sum of \$2,610 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973 to the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, to carry out the purposes of Part B of this Act.

PART C

AGING

Sec. 1. Committee on Aging; membership. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a Committee on Aging of 14 members, hereinafter in this Part called the "committee," to consist of 2 members from the Legislature, one from the House of Representatives and one from the Senate. Twelve members shall be citizens of the State who have an interest in and knowledge of the problems of the aging population. In making appointments to the committee, the Governor shall give consideration to citizens who are currently providing leadership in senior citizen programs on the state and local level and give consideration also to the diverse problems of the aging by appointing people from a number of fields such as medicine, nursing, law, employment, social welfare, mental health, education, housing and business. Individuals shall be from private and public agencies and voluntary organizations. The Governor shall designate the chairman. The various state departments shall assist the committee in the furtherance of its duties.

Sec. 2. Duties and activities. The committee shall act in an advisory and consultive capacity and may promote, assist and coordinate activities designed to meet the problems of the aging on the state and community levels, including information on effective programs elsewhere in the State or nation.

Sec. 3. Staff. The committee is authorized to employ, under the Personnel Law, such staff as is necessary to carry out its objectives.

Sec. 4. Subcommittees. The committee is authorized to appoint subcommittees.

Sec. 5. Consultants and research projects. The committee is authorized to employ consultants and contract for such research projects as it deems necessary.

Sec. 6. Maine Three-Quarter Century Club. The committee shall be responsible for sponsoring the Maine Three-Quarter Century Club's annual meeting, as requested by the Governor.

Sec. 7. Conference. During the biennium, the committee shall hold a State Governor's Conference on Aging, or hold regional conferences.

Sec. 8. Report. The committee shall make a report to the Governor and the 106th Legislature concerning the work and interests of the committee for the preceding biennium.

Sec. 9. Federal programs and funds. The committee shall be the designated state agency to handle all programs of the Federal Government relating to the aging requiring actions within the State which are not the specific responsibility of another state agency under the provisions of federal or state law. Authority is conferred on the committee to accept and use any funds in accordance with established budgetary procedures which might become available pursuant to the purposes set out herein.

Sec. 10. Grants and gifts. The committee may receive on its own behalf or on behalf of the State any grants or gifts and accept same.

Sec. 11. Termination of appointment. The Governor may terminate the appointment of any member of the committee for good and just cause and the reason for the termination of each appointment shall be communicated to each member of the committee.

Sec. 12. Meetings. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, and not less than 6 times during the biennium. Members will be reimbursed for expenses incurred in work of the committee at the prevalent state rates.

Sec. 13. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$4,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and the sum of \$4,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973 to the Committee on Aging to carry out the purposes of Part C of this Act.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 121

AN ACT to Reimburse Town of Jonesboro for Expenses Incurred in Defending Shellfish Conservation Ordinances.

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Town of Jonesboro, Washington County, the sum of \$2,328.80 to reimburse the town for expenses incurred in defending the shellfish conservation ordinances authorized by the Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 4251 and 4252.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 122

AN ACT to Authorize Bond Issue in the Amount of \$2,985,000 for the Construction and Improvement of Facilities for the Treatment and Care of the Mentally Ill, Mentally Retarded and the Youthful and Adult Offender at our Mental Health and Corrections Institutions.

Preamble. Two-thirds of both Houses of 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 for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

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

Sec. 1. Issue of bonds to provide for capital improvements, construction, renovations, equipment and furnishings for the Department of Mental Health