

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Fifth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE and SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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| Department                   | 1971-72      | 1972-73      |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>         |              |              |
| Debt Service                 |              |              |
| Retirement of Bonds .....    | 370,000      | 2,320,000    |
| Interest on Bonds .....      | 2,361,018    | 2,355,433    |
| Employees                    |              |              |
| Employees Salary Fund .....  | 1,700,000    | 2,200,000    |
| Retirement System            |              |              |
| Retirement Expense .....     | 15,473       | 15,473       |
| Pensions .....               | 1,406,150    | 1,428,492    |
| Jonesport-Beals Bridge ..... | 39,344       | 40,331       |
| TOTAL ALLOCATIONS .....      | \$50,279,693 | \$51,906,629 |

Amounting to \$50,279,693 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 and \$51,906,629 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973.

**Sec. 2. Allocation of the Unappropriated General Highway Fund Surplus.** The Unappropriated General Highway Fund Surplus, with the approval of the Governor and Council, may be apportioned by the State Highway Commission for any of the purposes set forth in section 1 and for the construction and reconstruction of state aid roads. There is allocated from the Unappropriated General Highway Fund Surplus \$6,000,000 for bond retirement which shall be segregated, apportioned and expended as designated in the following schedule:

|                       |             |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Debt Retirement ..... | \$4,000,000 | \$2,000,000 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|

**Sec. 3. Allocation for special state aid construction.** The allocation for state aid construction (special) shall be apportioned to the 16 counties on the basis of the number of miles of improved and unimproved designated state aid highways located within each county not on the federal system, such apportionments to be expended by the State Highway Commission on sections of improved state aid highways where, because of excessive maintenance or hazardous conditions, reconstruction is desirable; and for construction of unimproved sections of state aid highways located between improved sections in instances where the public use and safety require such construction.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Effective July 1, 1971

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## Chapter 146

**AN ACT Making Additional Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1972 and June 30, 1973.**

**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, 1971; 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:*

**Appropriations for necessary expenditures of government.** In order to provide for necessary expenditures of government and for other purposes for the next 2 fiscal years—from July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972 and from July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973—the following sums or as much thereof as shall severally be found necessary, as designated in the following tabulation, 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, together with expenditures for other purposes necessary to the conduct of State Government on the basis of such allotments and not otherwise.

Allotments for personal services, capital expenditures and amounts for all other departmental expenses shall not exceed the amount shown in the budget document or as they may be revised by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs unless recommended by the State Budget Officer and approved by the Governor and Council.

The Governor and Executive Council shall not approve any allocation of funds for a department by which funds are transferred from one quarter to another, when the transfer will result in a request for a deficiency appropriation at a special or regular session of the Legislature.

The figures in parentheses shown just before each dollar amount provided for Personal Services in this Act, or as adjusted by legislative action, shall represent the total number of persons employable on a permanent basis at any one time. The appropriations made for Personal Services are made with the provision that the total number of permanent positions in any account shall not be increased during either year of the biennium over the total numbers shown in parentheses and used by the Legislature in computing the total dollars to be made available for Personal Services. Savings accruing within appropriations made for permanent positions may be used for other nonrecurring personal services when recommended by the department head and the Budget Officer, and approved by the Governor and Council. To provide some degree of flexibility, each department, institution or agency may apply to the Personnel Board for an exchange between job classifications,

and such action may be approved if by so doing the total amount determined to be made available for Personal Services, in such account, for any one year is not exceeded and also providing that certification is made, in writing, that such action will not result in an increased request for Personal Service moneys from the next Legislature. Copies of all Personnel Board action relating to such changes shall be furnished to the Legislative Finance Office.

The Budget Office, during the next biennium, shall continually review with all departments the status of their personnel with the purpose of determining that all departments are expending Personal Service moneys within the intent of the Legislature, and shall report any expenditures contrary to such intent to the Governor and Council and the Legislative Finance Officer.

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.

The Governor and the Budget Officer when next preparing a Budget Document may at their discretion adjust the figures in parentheses, representing numbers of permanent employees to reflect the number of employees which in their opinion is necessary to the proper operation of each department, institution or agency.

The State Purchasing Agent is directed to require that requisitions for replacement motor vehicles include the age and total mileage of the motor vehicles being replaced. For the purposes of this paragraph, motor vehicles are defined as passenger cars, panel and pickup trucks, excluding those vehicles operated by the State Police. It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles shall have been in service for at least 5 years or 50,000 miles before they are replaced. This policy shall also be adopted by the Budget Officer when next preparing a Budget Document. Exceptions to the established replacement policy shall require the prior approval of the Governor and Council.

No state department, institution or agency shall establish new programs or expand existing programs beyond the scope of those programs already established, recognized and approved by the Legislature, until such program and the method of financing shall be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration—Budget Office—for evaluation and recommendation to the Legislature, and until funds are made available therefor by the Legislature.

It is the intent of the Legislature that out-of-state travel be limited. Any State employee who travels out-of-state on State business (such as law enforcement, collecting, bidding, industrial or recreational development, loans, etc.) may continue to do so.

However, the Legislature is concerned about the increase in out-of-state travel and because of the State's financial circumstances, the Legislature directs that department heads hold down cost of all travel where it is not absolutely needed.

The Budget Office shall inform the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs through the Legislative Finance Office of significant action recommended by it in the performance of the budget responsibilities hereby assigned.

It is further provided that the Controller is authorized to close his books as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1972 and June 30, 1973. Any bills presented after those dates may be paid from appropriations for the ensuing year on recommendation of the Controller if within the amounts of approved allotments.

Whenever it appears to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration that the anticipated income of the State will not be sufficient to meet the expenditures authorized by the Legislature, he shall so report to the Governor and Council and they may temporarily curtail allotments equitably so that expenditures will not exceed the anticipated income.

The Commissioner of Finance and Administration through the State Purchasing Agent or such other agent as he may choose, shall conduct a thorough review of all types of equipment, owned, leased or otherwise available to the several departments and agencies of the State, regardless of the source of supporting funds, with the intent of combining their use, providing centralized facilities, or of eliminating existing equipment and facilities, as he believes to be in the most economical, most efficient and best interests of the State.

At the end of each fiscal year of the biennium, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state moneys, except those that carry forward as provided by law, shall be lapsed to Unappropriated Surplus as provided by the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 5, section 1544. At the end of each fiscal year of the biennium, all encumbered appropriation balances shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year, but in no event shall encumbered appropriation balances be carried more than once.

There shall be paid from the General Highway Fund the cost of accounting, auditing, purchasing and legal services furnished from the General Fund appropriations. This revenue shall be credited to the General Fund.

It is the intent of the Legislature that in the event matching federal funds are not available as anticipated for programs in this Act, there is no obligation to provide state funds in excess of the appropriations listed in this Act.

Personnel employed by programs partially funded by federal funds shall be considered limited appointment employees, notwithstanding the figures in parentheses representing numbers of employees, should federal funds be withdrawn or reduced.

It is intended that the language in this section shall apply to all other appropriation measures enacted by the Legislature.

**GENERAL FUND**  
**APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND**

**SECTION A**

| DEPARTMENT   | 1971-72 |           | 1972-73   |          |
|--|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| <b>AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF</b>  |         |           |           |          |
| Agricultural Promotions  |         |           |           |          |
| Personal Services  | (1)     | \$ 7,696  | (1)       | \$ 7,857 |
| All Other  |         | 2,767     |           | 2,767    |
| Restores 1 position and All Other funds reduced in L. D. 1577, P. & S. Chap. 91, 1971. The reductions should have been in Markets account. |         |           |           |          |
| Markets  |         |           |           |          |
| Personal Services  | (-1)    | (7,696)   | (-1)      | (7,857)  |
| All Other  |         | (2,767)   |           | (2,767)  |
| Reduces 1 position and All Other funds restored to Agricultural Promotions account.  |         |           |           |          |
| Animal Industry  |         |           |           |          |
| Personal Services  | (1)     | 10,920    | (1)       | 11,180   |
| Restores 1 position reduced in L. D. 1577, P. & S. Chap. 91, 1971. Reduction should have been in Control of Livestock Disease account.     |         |           |           |          |
| Control of Livestock Disease   |         |           |           |          |
| Personal Services  | (-1)    | (10,920)  | (-1)      | (11,180) |
| Reduces 1 position restored to Animal Industry account.  |         |           |           |          |
| Consumer Protection  |         |           |           |          |
| Personal Services  | (2)     | 27,004    | (2)       | 28,000   |
| All Other  |         | 6,000     |           | 6,116    |
| Provides funds to continue the Meat Inspection Program.  |         |           |           |          |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT<br>OF AGRICULTURE   |         | \$ 33,004 | \$ 34,116 |          |
| <b>HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF</b>   |         |           |           |          |
| Aid to Charitable Institutions   |         |           |           |          |
| Holy Innocents' Home   |         |           |           |          |
| All Other  |         | \$ 1,500  |           | \$ 1,500 |



| DEPARTMENT  | 1971-72 |          | 1972-73 |            |
|---|---------|----------|---------|------------|
| HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF—continued                                 |         |          |         |            |
| St. Andre's Home and Hospital   |         |          |         |            |
| All Other   |         | 1,500    |         | 1,500      |
| St. Elizabeth's Asylum  |         |          |         |            |
| All Other   |         | 1,500    |         | 1,500      |
| St. Louis Home and School for Boys  |         |          |         |            |
| All Other   |         | 2,000    |         | 2,000      |
| Provides increased State Funds  |         |          |         |            |
|   |         |          |         |            |
| TOTAL CHARITABLE<br>INSTITUTIONS  |         | \$ 6,500 |         | \$ 6,500   |
| Bureau of Social Services—Administration                                    |         |          |         |            |
| Personal Services   |         |          | (-4)    | (9,907)    |
| All Other   |         |          |         | (1,684)    |
| Phases out state funds in Andros-<br>coggin County Food Stamp Pro-<br>gram. |         |          |         |            |
| Bureau of Health—Administration   |         |          |         |            |
| Personal Services   | (-13)   | (94,163) | (-13)   | (98,871)   |
| All Other   |         | (17,490) |         | (17,490)   |
| Consolidation of administrative<br>accounts.                                |         |          |         |            |
| Bureau of Social Services—Administration                                    |         |          |         |            |
| Personal Services   | (1)     | 7,203    | (1)     | 7,563      |
| All Other   |         | 500      |         | 500        |
| Transfer from Bureau of Health<br>—Administration                           |         |          |         |            |
| Administrative Services   |         |          |         |            |
| Personal Services   | (10)    | 76,638   | (10)    | 80,470     |
| All Other   |         | 16,990   |         | 16,990     |
| Transfer from Bureau of Health<br>—Administration                           |         |          |         |            |
| Medical Care Administration   |         |          |         |            |
| Personal Services   | (2)     | 10,322   | (2)     | 10,838     |
| Transfer from Bureau of Health<br>—Administration                           |         |          |         |            |
|   |         |          |         |            |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT<br>OF HEALTH AND<br>WELFARE                                |         | \$ 6,500 |         | \$ (5,091) |

| DEPARTMENT   | 1971-72    | 1972-73    |
|--|------------|------------|
| DISTRICT COURTS  |            |            |
| Administration   |            |            |
| Unallocated  | \$145,855  | \$144,300  |
| Provides additional funds for ex-<br>penses due to new law changes.<br>Increases Undedicated Revenue,<br>\$145,855 in 1971-72 and \$144,300<br>in 1972-73.                       |            |            |
| FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION   |            |            |
| Bureau of Taxation   |            |            |
| Personal Services  | —          | (1) —      |
| Adds 1 position count omitted in<br>L. D. 1811.  |            |            |
| MUNICIPAL VALUATION APPEALS BOARD  |            |            |
| Personal Services  | \$ 1,500   | \$ 1,000   |
| All Other  | 1,000      | 1,000      |
| Provides additional funds needed<br>to carry on duties assigned to the<br>Board by law.  |            |            |
| PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION   |            |            |
| Administration   |            |            |
| Personal Services  | (1) —      | (1) —      |
| Adds 1 position count omitted in<br>L. D. 1577, P. & S. Chap. 91, 1971.  |            |            |
| PLANNING OFFICE, STATE   |            |            |
| Water Resources Planning   |            |            |
| Personal Services  | \$(20,000) | \$(20,000) |
| All Other  | 20,000     | 20,000     |
| L. D. 1577, P. & S. Chap. 91, 1971<br>appropriated funds in Personal<br>Services in error. To reduce Per-<br>sonal Services and place funds in<br>All Other.                     |            |            |
| SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF   |            |            |
| Administration   |            |            |
| Personal Services  | \$ (4,041) | \$ (6,463) |
| To reduce Personal Services funds<br>appropriated in L. D. 1577, P. &<br>S. Chap. 91, 1971 due to estimated<br>retirement of eligible employees.<br>Increase Undedicated Revenue |            |            |

| DEPARTMENT   | 1971-72     | 1972-73     |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| SEA AND SHORE FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF—continued   |             |             |
| \$10,000 each year due to revised estimates.   |             |             |
| Administration   |             |             |
| Personal Services  | (7,275)     | (9,697)     |
| To reduce Personal Services funds appropriated to the Department in L. D. 1231 in error. Funds should have been appropriated to State Employee's Retirement Account. |             |             |
|  | _____       | _____       |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT<br>OF SEA AND SHORE<br>FISHERIES  | (\$ 11,316) | (\$ 16,160) |

## SECRETARY OF STATE

|  |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Administration   |              |              |
| Personal Services  | (1) \$ 9,325 | (1) \$ 9,767 |
| Capital Expenditures   | 500          | —            |
| Provides funds for part-time and seasonal help, plus 1 full-time Typist II. Funds reclassification of 1 Typist II to Typist III. |              |              |

## ELECTION DIVISION

|  |           |          |
|--|-----------|----------|
| Personal Services                                | \$ 16,800 | \$ 2,000 |
| All Other  | 63,200    | 13,000   |
| Provides funds for cost of referendum elections. |           |          |

TOTAL SECRETARY OF  
STATE

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| \$ 89,825 | \$ 24,767 |
|-----------|-----------|

## STATE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| Retirement Allowance Fund  |          |          |
| All Other  | \$ 7,275 | \$ 9,697 |
| To fund L. D. 1231. Funds were appropriated to Sea and Shore Fisheries in error. |          |          |

## VETERANS SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

|                            |              |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Veterans Memorial Cemetery |              |              |
| Personal Services          | (2) \$ 4,009 | (2) \$ 4,166 |
| All Other                  | 1,000        | 1,000        |
| Capital Expenditures       | 2,000        | —            |

| DEPARTMENT  |   | 1971-72          | 1972-73          |
|---|---|------------------|------------------|
| VETERANS SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF—continued  |   |                  |                  |
| Provides funds for year around cemetery operations and to keep cemetery open evenings and weekends in warm season. Capital Expenditures provides for the purchase of a used heavy duty tractor. |   |                  |                  |
| Maine Society—Sons of the American Revolution   |   |                  |                  |
| All Other   |   | 300              | —                |
| Provides a grant for grave markers.   |   |                  |                  |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES   |   | <u>\$ 7,309</u>  | <u>\$ 5,166</u>  |
| <b>Legislative Document</b>   | <b>Title</b>  |                  |                  |
| 284   | AN ACT Relating to Benefits for Widows of Coastal Wardens and Fish and Game Wardens                           | \$ 6,766         | \$ 6,766         |
| 421   | AN ACT Relating to School Construction Aid  | —                | 147,600          |
| 479   | RESOLVE, Providing a Minimum Service Retirement Allowance Under the State Retirement Law for Ernest F. Miller | 877              | —                |
| 480   | RESOLVE, Providing a Minimum Service Retirement Allowance Under the State Retirement Law for Grace V. Pullen  | 3,310            | —                |
| 746   | AN ACT to Remove the Numerical Exemption from the Minimum Wage Law.   | —                | 18,416           |
| 834   | AN ACT to Remove Remarriage Restriction on Survivor Benefit Payments under State Retirement System            | 1,320            | 1,320            |
| 1070  | RESOLVE, Relating to Retirement and Pension of Norman F. Hanson of Eliot                                      | 668              | 668              |
| TOTAL SECTION A   |   | <u>\$293,893</u> | <u>\$373,565</u> |

**SECTION B**

**APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS OF  
GENERAL FUND**

|   | 1971-72  | 1972-73   |
|---|----------|-----------|
| Debt Service—General Fund Bonds                                       |          |           |
| Interest  |          |           |
| All Other   | \$37,500 | \$73,187  |
| Provides funds for interest on temporary MIBA loans to be bonded.     |          |           |
| Debt Retirement   | —        | 72,500    |
| Provides funds for debt service on temporary MIBA loans to be bonded. |          |           |
| TOTAL SECTION B   | \$37,500 | \$145,687 |

**SECTION C**

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1967, c. 191, Section B, amended.** That portion of Section B of chapter 191 of the private and special laws of 1967 under the caption “**Indian Affairs, Department of**” providing funds for Penobscot Reservation—Water and Sewerage Facilities shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1973 to be expended for the same purposes.

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1969, c. 121, Section A, amended.** That portion of Section A of chapter 121 of the private and special laws of 1969 under the caption “**Finance and Administration, Department of**” providing funds for the Cultural Building Moving Fund shall not lapse, but shall remain a carrying account until June 30, 1972 to be used for completion of moving and incidental expenses in connection with the occupancy and use of the facility.

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1969, c. 154, Section A, amended.** That portion of Section A of chapter 154 of the private and special laws of 1969 under the caption “**Executive Department**” providing funds for the purpose of preparing a history of the Blaine House shall not lapse, but shall remain a carrying account until June 30, 1973.

**Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1969, c. 242, amended.** Chapter 242 of the private and special laws of 1969 is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:

Any balance remaining at June 30, 1971 shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1973 to be expended for the same purposes.

**Sec. 5. P. & S. L., 1971, c. 92, § 3, amended.** Section 3 of chapter 92 of the private and special laws of 1971 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**Sec. 3. Exclusion.** Exclusive of sections 1 and 2, the commission may expend up to \$75,000 in 1971-72 and \$50,000 in 1972-73 for Capital Expenditures.

**Sec. 6. P. & S. L., 1971, c. 105, Section D, amended.** Section D of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1971 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Any unexpended balances in Sections C and D as of June 30, 1972 shall not lapse but shall carry forward to June 30, 1973 to be expended for the same purposes.

**Sec. 7. P. & S. L., 1971, c. 105, Section E, § 2, amended.** The last paragraph of section 2 of Section E of chapter 105 of the private and special laws of 1971 is amended to read as follows:

Removes from Activity 045, \$15,000 each year from All Other. Transfers 3 4 positions plus ~~\$29,215~~ \$36,866 in 1971-72 and ~~\$29,450~~ \$37,454 in 1972-73 abolishing 2 1 positions position plus \$44,003 All Other each year to Forestry.

**Sec. 8. P. & S. L., 1971, c. 117, Section A, amended.** That part of Section A of chapter 117 of the private and special laws of 1971 which pertains to "STATE EMPLOYEES' SALARIES" is amended by inserting before the last paragraph the following new paragraph:

Unclassified employees shall receive no more than the 11½% increase which is the average increase under the state employees' pay plan. The authority responsible for establishing the pay of the unclassified employee shall see that the above 11½% average is not exceeded for the year 1971-72.

**Sec. 9. P. L., 1971, c. 439, § 27, amended.** The first sentence of section 27 of chapter 439 of the public laws of 1971 is amended to read as follows:

This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1972, except that section 28, Appropriation, shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

**Sec. 10. Effective date.** Sections 5, 6 and 7 of Section C shall become effective July 2, 1971.

## SECTION D

The Bureau of Public Improvements shall make full use of the new Cultural Building for state department office space on a temporary basis. It is the intent of the Legislature that any additional office space needed shall come from existing office space and no new leasing of office space shall take place during the next biennium.

## SECTION E

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 5055, sub-§ 2, amended.** The last paragraph of subsection 2 of section 5055 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 478 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed as follows:

An amount equal to 4% of the estimated revenue received from taxes, the sales and use taxes collected under Title 36, Part 3, and the income taxes collected under Title 36, Part 8, shall be appropriated to the Local Government Fund.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** Section 1 of Section E shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.

**Sec. 3. P. L., 1971, c. 478, § 3-A, additional.** Chapter 478 of the public laws of 1971 is amended by inserting after section 3 the following section:

**Sec. 3-A. Effective date.** Section 3 shall become effective December 2, 1971.

## SECTION F

It is hereby determined and declared to be the intent of this Legislature that any increase in the gasoline tax that may have been or may be made by this Legislature meeting in its regular session shall take effect on July 1, 1971. No interpretation of the Act raising such tax shall be made to the contrary.

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

Effective June 25, 1971

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## Chapter 147

### AN ACT to Create a Commission to Prepare a Revision of the Criminal Laws.

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

**Sec. 1. Commission; duties.** A special commission shall be constituted and appointed to supervise the preparation, in final legislative draft form, of a proposed Criminal Code for the State of Maine, such proposed code to be presented to the regular session of the 107th Maine Legislature. Such proposed Criminal Code shall include and consist of a complete revision, redraft and rearrangement of all sections of the Revised Statutes pertaining to the criminal law. Such proposed Criminal Code may, without limitation, incorporate such necessary repealers, amendments and modifications of existing laws as, in the judgment of such commission, are necessary and appropriate to accomplish such purposes. Such proposed code may include such new or modified provisions as, in the judgment of the commission, will best serve the interests of the people of the State, and the commission shall give due consideration to the criminal laws of other states, and the requirements for enforcement thereof. Such commission shall employ a chief counsel, and, subject to his recommendations, such additional counsel as may be required, to perform the necessary research and drafting of such code, the chief counsel to meet the requirements as set forth. Such commission shall hold such public hearings as may be deemed necessary to acquaint the public. It is