

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature
1ST SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 2, 1974 TO MARCH 29, 1974
AND BY THE
One Hundred and Seventh Legislature
REGULAR SESSION
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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

AT THE

SPECIAL SESSION

January 2, 1974

to

March 29, 1974

CHAPTER 222

AN ACT Appropriating Funds to Provide for Secretarial Assistance to the Members of the Legislature.

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

Whereas, the secretarial pool presently available at the State House is not sufficient for the needs of 184 legislators; and

Whereas, the clerical help is used mainly by the leadership or committee chairmen to conduct the business of the Legislature and is rarely available for other legislators; and

Whereas, this legislation, which represents one of the recommendations of the Legislative Compensation Commission, would provide legislators with more adequate resources to perform constituent service functions; 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:

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Account the sum of \$12,000 to provide for a secretarial pool of 5 clerks to be available to Legislators for constituent business while the Legislature is in session.

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Legislative Expense	
Personal Services	\$12,000

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

Effective April 1, 1974

CHAPTER 223

AN ACT to Establish a Small Grants Program for Municipal Conservation Commissions in the Department of Conservation.

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

Whereas, the Ford Foundation Small Grants Program, which funded projects proposed and developed by Municipal Conservation Commissions, has terminated; and

Whereas, 51 applications from Conservation Commissions have been received and rejected for lack of funds; 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. Intent. Each municipal conservation commission shall be restricted to one grant only during the program. A maximum grant of \$500 may be made to conservation commissions who previously received a Ford grant and a maximum grant of \$1,000 may be made to conservation commissions who did not receive a Ford grant. No grants from this Small Grants Program shall exceed 50% of the approved project cost and shall be matched by the conservation commission.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Conservation the sum of \$40,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Any unexpended balance remaining in this account shall not lapse but shall carry forward to be used for the same purposes.

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

Effective April 1, 1974

CHAPTER 224

AN ACT Providing Minimum Retirement Benefits for Certain Teachers.

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

Whereas, there are several former teachers whose service extends back beyond July 1, 1924 and as a result are receiving no pensions at the present time; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to alleviate an inequity which excludes this group of aged former teachers from the current retirement system provisions; 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. Retirement benefits for certain teachers. The following named former teachers shall be provided with a minimum retirement benefit of not less than \$100 per month during their lifetime, retroactive to July 1, 1973.