

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1. Attained age of 62. Have attained the age of 62 during the year for which relief is requested; or

2. Disabled widow or widower. Be a widow or widower who has not remarried, who has attained the age of 55 during the year for which relief is requested, and who, due to a disability, is receiving federal disability payments, such as supplemental security income.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Bureau of Taxation from the General Fund for fiscal year 1978-79 the sum of \$81,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1978-79

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION,
DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Taxation

All Other \$81,500

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective January 1, 1978.

Effective January 1, 1978

CHAPTER 553

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Increased Staff and Changing Certain Provisions Relating to the Appointment of the Executive Director of the Maine Labor Relations Board.

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

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 5, last line, as enacted by P & SL 1973, c. 221, § 10, is repealed as follows:

~~Executive Director of the Public Employees Labor Relations Board~~

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA § 968, sub-§ 2, next to last sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 282, is repealed as follows:

~~The executive director shall receive such salary as shall be fixed by the Governor~~

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA § 968, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 282, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

The salary of the executive director shall be established by the board within

the limits of the salary range to which the unclassified executive director's position is assigned.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Labor Relations Board the sum of \$29,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
MAINE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD		
Personal Services	(1) \$12,000	(1) \$17,000

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 554

AN ACT to Require Periodic Justification of State Government Programs and Independent Agencies.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA c. 23 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 23

JUSTIFICATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

§ 501. Short title

This Act may be referred to as the "Maine Sunset Act."

§ 502. Purpose

The number and size of state departments and independent agencies have increased without sufficient legislative oversight and governmental accountability. The purpose of this Act is to establish a system for periodic justification of departments and agencies of State Government and for the termination of agencies which have outlived their purpose. The Act requires the Legislature to evaluate the need for and performance of present and future departments and agencies on a periodic basis.

§ 503. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings.