

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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5. **Employees.** Make recommendations concerning the status of classified and unclassified employees whose jobs could be terminated as a result of the provisions of this chapter ;

6. **Other laws.** Study the effects of any other processes of periodic review of state government programs or regulations passed by the 108th Legislature and, if necessary, recommend statutory changes to bring the schedules of the different processes in line with one another ; and

7. **Other agencies.** Determine whether additional existing governmental bodies should be added to any of the groups in section 507.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 555

### AN ACT in Support of Regional Library Systems.

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA § 119 is enacted to read:

#### § 119. Distribution of appropriations

The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services is authorized to apportion funds appropriated by the Legislature for the support of regional library systems.

Sec. 2. PL 1973, c. 626, § 7 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7. **Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of \$200,000 for the fiscal years of 1977-78 and 1978-79 for the purpose of supporting regional library systems. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1977-78	1978-79
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Regional reference and resource centers	\$100,000	\$100,000

These funds are to be allotted to designated area reference and resource centers by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, with the advice of the Maine Library Commission. This financial support is based on written plans and reports detailing the ways by which the area reference and resource centers intend to achieve such goals as direct free access to district residents, WATS service to member libraries, inter-library loan service,

reference service and such other cooperative activities as member libraries may need.

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## CHAPTER 556

**AN ACT Making Additional Appropriations for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1978 and June 30, 1979.**

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

Whereas, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state departments and institutions will become due and payable immediately after July 1, 1977; 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. Salary adjustment determination.** All employees whose salaries are set pursuant to Title 2, section 6, as those salaries have been adjusted pursuant to chapter 147, private and special laws of 1975, Part D, section 7, shall receive any general salary increase provided to all state employees subject to the state pay plan which is approved by the 108th Legislature.

**Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 1683-A is enacted to read:**

**§ 1683-A. Incorporation of federal expenditure budget document in state budget document**

To satisfy requirements for preparation and submission of a federal expenditure budget document for the first year of any biennium it may be made a part of the state budget document required pursuant to chapter 149. For the 2nd year of any biennium, the federal expenditure budget document shall be prepared and submitted as a separate document, unless a state budget document is prepared pursuant to chapter 149, in which case the 2 documents may be combined.