

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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authorized to borrow money temporarily in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 **\$1,500,000 outstanding at any one time** and to issue therefor the interest-bearing negotiable notes of the district and for the purpose of refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, including the expenses incurred in the creation of the district, in reimbursing said town, in acquiring the aforesaid properties, privileges and franchises of the Mars Hill and Blaine Water Company, its successors or assigns, by purchase or otherwise, or securing sources of supply, taking water and land, paying damages, laying pipes, constructing and maintaining and operating a water, sewerage and drainage system, sewage treatment and disposal facilities and making extensions, additions and improvements to the same, the said district through its trustees may from time to time issue bonds of the district to an amount necessary in the judgment of the trustees therefor, maturing at one time or in uniform or varying installments with or without call provisions and at or without any premium.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1957, c. 143, § 20, is amended to read:

Sec. 20. Provision for acquiring company void unless acted upon in due time. If said District shall fail to purchase or file its petition to take by eminent domain before ~~the expiration of 11 years after the acceptance of this act by the voters of the town of Mars Hill~~ **January 1, 1981**, the provisions for the purchase or taking by eminent domain shall become null and void.

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

Effective March 26, 1979

CHAPTER 13

H. P. 1119 — L. D. 1284

AN ACT to Provide Compensation and Benefits Agreed to by the State and the Maine Teachers' Association for Employees in the Bargaining Unit of Instructors at the Vocational-Technical Institutes and the School of Practical Nursing.

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 collective bargaining agreements will become due and payable immediately; 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. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$347,957 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, \$630,448 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and \$630,448 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, to implement the employee compensation plan agreed to by the State and the Maine Teachers' Association for the bargaining unit of the instructors at the vocational-technical institutes and the School of Practical Nursing.

Sec. 2. Funding. The funding provided by this Act shall include retirement costs and shall be available for all employees covered by the agreement between the State and the Maine Teachers' Association, except that employees supported from sources of funding other than the General Fund shall be adjusted whenever possible from those sources.

Sec. 3. Special account. The account funding provided shall be segregated in a special account to be made available as needed upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer with the approval of the Governor.

Sec. 4. Intent. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and rules, it is the intent of the Legislature that the provisions of the agreement between the State and the Maine Teachers' Association for the instructors at the vocational-technical institutes and the School of Practical Nursing shall prevail during the term of the agreement.

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

Effective April 13, 1979

CHAPTER 14

S. P. 494 — L. D. 1545

AN ACT to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

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

Whereas, there exists a current serious problem of overcrowding at the state correctional facilities, the Maine State Prison in Thomaston and the Maine Correctional Center in South Windham; and

Whereas, these conditions of overcrowding have already resulted in a lawsuit by inmates of the Maine State Prison against the State; and

Whereas, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections has prepared plans