

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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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:

20 MRSA §226-A, sub-§8, as amended by PL 1979, c. 356, §5, is repealed.

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

Effective December 10, 1982.

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## CHAPTER 2

H.P. 5 - L.D. 3

### AN ACT Concerning Legislative Services.

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

Whereas, the 111th Legislature is in the process of organizing for its first regular session; and

Whereas, this legislation proposes changes in legislative services as part of the organizational process; and

Whereas, these statutory changes are being made at the earliest possible time in advance of the session; 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. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§6, as amended by PL

1979 c. 541, Pt. A, §7, is further amended to read:

6. Appointment of directors and officers. To appoint a Legislative Administrative Director, a Director of Legislative Research, a Legislative Finance Officer, a Director of Legislative Assistants, a Constituent Service Officer and a State Law Librarian, each of whom shall be chosen without reference to party affiliations and solely on the grounds of fitness to perform the duties of his office; each to be appointed for a term of 7 3 years from the date of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed and qualified;

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §163, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 590, §5, is amended to read:

2. Supervision. To ~~co~~ordinate assign, direct and supervise, subject to the control of the council, the activities of the offices of the Director of Legislative Research, the Legislative Finance Officer, Director of Legislative Assistants, Director of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Office, the Constituent Service Officer, the State Law Librarian, the Senate Clerk, the House Clerk and such other legislative agencies and offices as may be created by the Legislature;

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §163, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 590, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §164, sub-§12, as amended by PL 1979, c. 396, §7, is further amended to read:

12. Assistants. The director shall appoint, with the approval of the Legislative Council, an assistant director for a term of 7 3 years from the date of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed and qualified, and such technical assistants, and shall appoint such clerical assistants as may be necessary to carry out this chapter.

Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §166, as amended by PL 1975, c. 770, §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place.

§166. Director of Legislative Assistants

The Director of Legislative Assistants, who shall be appointed by the Legislative Council without reference to party affiliation and solely on the grounds of fitness to perform the duties of his office, shall perform the following functions and duties:

1. Committee assistance. Provide research, analysis, bill drafting assistance for joint standing

or select committees, other legislative agencies and as directed by the Legislative Council;

2. Appointments. Appoint, subject to the approval of the Legislative Council, an assistant director, lawyers, research analysts and assistants and clerical assistants as may be necessary;

3. Direct and supervise. Assign, direct and supervise those appointed to carry out the functions and duties established in this section and as may be established by the Legislative Council or the Legislative Administrative Director;

4. Reports and legislation. Prepare narrative reports on matters referred to joint standing committees for review or study and prepare legislation to be introduced pursuant to those reports; and

5. Research services. Provide a comprehensive research service for Legislators, legislative joint standing or select committees and commissions and the Legislative Council.

Sec. 6. 3 MRSA §167, next to last ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c.541, Pt. A, §9, is further amended to read:

The Legislative Finance Officer shall appoint, with the approval of the Legislative Council, an assistant legislative finance officer to assist the Legislative Finance Officer in carrying out his duties. He shall be chosen without reference to party affiliation and solely on the grounds of fitness to perform the duties of his office for a term of 7 3 years from the date of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed and qualified.

Sec. 7. 3 MRSA §174, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 396, §8, is further amended to read:

The State Law Librarian shall appoint, with the approval of the Legislative Council, a deputy law librarian for a term of 7 3 years from the date of his appointment and until his successor has been appointed and qualified, and employ such assistants as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter.

Sec. 8. Transition clause. All legislative officers currently serving in the first 4 years of a 7-year term shall continue in office, except that they shall serve for a term to expire June 30, 1986.

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