

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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RESOLVES
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED AT THE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

of the
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE

1991

1025 - County Treasurer	
Personal Services	17,839
Contractual Services	1,300
Commodities	1,000
1030 - Labor Relations	
Contractual Services	1,000
1035 - Courthouse	
Personal Services	16,038
Contractual Services	15,450
Commodities	9,900
Capital Expenditures	5,000
1040 - Courthouse Annex	
Personal Services	10,833
Contractual Services	9,000
Commodities	6,500
1050 - Jail - Support of Prisoners	
Personal Services	359,745
Contractual Services	66,900
Commodities	64,050
1065 - Register of Deeds	
Personal Services	47,175
Contractual Services	28,275
Commodities	1,400
1070 - Register of Probate	
Personal Services	43,272
Contractual Services	12,975
Commodities	2,400
Capital Expenditures	3,000
1075 - Sheriff	
Personal Services	147,410
Contractual Services	59,300
Commodities	6,150
Capital Expenditures	18,500
1076 - Tri-County Task Force	
Personal Services	63,100
1080 - Advertising and Promotion	
Contractual Services	3,000
1090 - Auditing	
Contractual Services	5,000
1095 - Debt Service	
Contractual Services	251,926
2000 - Interest	
Contractual Services	7,500
2005 - Extension Service	
Personal Services	15,700
Contractual Services	4,160
Commodities	1,900

2025 - Employee Benefits	
Contractual Services:	
Social Security	65,000
Maine State Retirement System	35,500
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	170,000
Unemployment Compensation	5,500
Accrued Sick Leave	2,500
2045 - Program Grants	
Womancare	1,600
Charlotte White Center	800
Little Red Schoolhouse	800
Penquis Community Action Program	7,200
Eastern Maine Development Company	6,080
Soil and Water Conservation	400

2050 - Insurances	
Contractual Services	<u>75,200</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$1,848,553

; and be it further

Sec. 3. Summary. Resolved: That the figures appearing in this resolve represent the total amount of taxes and the total specific expenditures authorized for the calendar year 1992. The following is a summary of revenues and appropriations:

Total Appropriations \$1,848,553

Available Credits:

Estimated Revenue	\$489,560
Community Corrections	50,000
Surplus Transfer	125,000

Total Available Credits 664,560

Amount to be Raised by Taxation \$1,183,993

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective February 24, 1992.

CHAPTER 57

S.P. 794 - L.D. 1993

Resolve, That the Reporting Deadline for the Commission on Comprehensive Energy Planning Be Extended

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

Whereas, pursuant to Resolve 1991, chapter 50, a report was to be presented by November 1, 1991 with proposed legislation; and

Whereas, more time is required to develop properly a thorough public record and production of a comprehensive energy plan; 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

Sec. 1. Resolve 1991, chapter 50, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1991, Chapter 50, section 8 is amended to read:

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report, which must be approved by 2/3 of the commission members, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature and to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities no later than ~~November 1, 1991~~ March 15, 1992.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective February 25, 1992.

CHAPTER 58

S.P. 815 - L.D. 2014

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to Develop a Proposal to Improve Staff Retention in Community-based Programs Serving Persons with Mental Retardation

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

Whereas, the stability of the work force in community-based programs providing services to persons with mental retardation is critical to effectiveness of those programs in enabling those persons to maintain themselves in the community; and

Whereas, funding has been appropriated to improve staff retention in intermediate care facilities serving persons with mental retardation; and

Whereas, the wage scales in other community-based programs providing services to persons with men-

tal retardation are substantially lower than those in both intermediate care facilities and State Government for the same or equivalent jobs; and

Whereas, a serious staff retention problem therefore exists in many community-based programs providing services to persons with mental retardation, including day programs, supported employment programs, foster homes, boarding homes and supported living programs; and

Whereas, there is a need for immediate action to assess the nature and scope of these problems and to develop plans to address them; 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

Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation duties. Resolved: That the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall:

1. No later than October 1, 1992 develop a proposal to establish wage parity between community-based programs providing services to persons with mental retardation and state-run facilities and to implement any other measures necessary to improve staff retention and ensure the stability of state-funded community-based programs;

2. Report its recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs no later than January 15, 1993; and

3. Consult with community-based programs in all phases of this process.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective March 23, 1992.

CHAPTER 59

H.P. 1696 - L.D. 2376

Resolve, to Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission to Examine Alternatives to the Workers' Compensation System and to Make Recommendations Concerning Replacement of the Present System