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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1999

Personal Services	56,000.00
1065 - Register of Deeds	
Personal Services	123,651.85
Contractual Services	95,970.00
Commodities	4,800.00
Capital Expenditures	7,300.00
1070 - Register of Probate	
Personal Services	80,343.00
Contractual Services	30,125.00
Commodities	1,250.00
1075 - Sheriff	
Personal Services	796,458.65
Contractual Services	87,350.00
Commodities	38,950.00
Capital Expenditures	74,800.00
1090 - Auditing	
Contractual Services	9,500.00
1095 - Debt Service	
Contractual Services	445,000.00
2000 - Interest Expense	
Contractual Services	423,166.00
2005 - Twin County Extension Service	
Contractual Services	45,000.00
2020 - Time and Tide RC&D	
Contractual Services	1,500.00
2025 - Employee Benefits	
Contractual Services:	
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	594,750.00
Unemployment Compensation	15,000.00
Maine State Retirement System	322,403.00
FICA	243,716.00
2035 - Soil Conservation	
Contractual Services	12,500.00
2040 - Duplicating Department	
Contractual Services	7,500.00
Commodities	1,000.00
2050 - Insurance	
Contractual Services:	
Volunteer Firefighters	1,023.00
Auto	121,133.00
Workers' Compensation	35,000.00
2080 - Contingency Account	15,454.89
2082 - Salary Reserve Account	2,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>\$6,734,505.39</u>

; 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 1999. The following is a summary of revenues and appropriations:

Total Appropriations		\$6,734,505.39
Available Credits:		
Estimated Revenue	\$1,312,897.89	
Community Corrections	411,000.00	
Transfer from Surplus	200,000.00	
Total Available Credits		<u>1,923,897.89</u>
Amount to be raised by taxation		\$4,810,607.50

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

Effective June 9, 1999.

CHAPTER 61

S.P. 396 - L.D. 1187

Resolve, to Preserve the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant Funds Reserved for Future Use

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 118th Legislature identified federal block grant funds available to serve Maine's low-income residents who qualify for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits in the instance of caseload increases or economic downturn; and

Whereas, the Department of Human Services has not needed to access those funds, but may do so in the future; and

Whereas, the amounts of funds made available for services to the State's residents by the Federal Government sometimes are reduced with little notice if they are not spent within a short time; 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. Set aside funds. Resolved: That the funds from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant set aside by the 118th Legislature to provide a safety net for an unexpected number of low-income families in Maine who might become eligible for this benefit must be considered encumbered for the purposes for which the funds were allocated.

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

Effective June 10, 1999.

CHAPTER 62

H.P. 1258 - L.D. 1812

Resolve, to Require the Development of a Basic Needs Budget

Sec. 1. Resolve 1997, c. 36, §1, last sentence, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 36, §1, last sentence, is amended to read:

The report must include information on poverty among children and adults, regional differences in poverty rates and indicators, conditions responsible for changes from the prior year, expectations for the coming year and the economic condition of the State's communities; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Resolve 1997, c. 36, §2, enacted. Resolved: That Resolve 1997, c. 36, §2, is enacted to read:

Sec. 2. Basic needs budget. Resolved: That the Executive Department, State Planning Office, in cooperation with the Department of Human Services, shall develop and publish an annual basic needs budget for a single parent with 2 children that includes the following expenditure categories: housing, transportation, child care, health care insurance and out-of-pocket health care expenses, clothing, food, personal care and recreation. This annual basic needs budget must include a brief description of the expense assumptions used for each of the expenditure categories and a calculation of the annual, monthly, weekly and hourly income needed to meet this basic needs budget.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 63

H.P. 226 - L.D. 304

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on State Office Building Location, Other State Growth-related Capital Investments and Patterns of Development

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

Whereas, both service center communities that are the State's job centers and rural communities whose lands support natural resource-based enterprises are essential to the State's economy; and

Whereas, the health of these communities and their lands and the costs of delivering public services are affected by state policies on capital investments, taxation, regulation and the location of state office buildings; and

Whereas, there is a growing tendency for public agencies to shift locations of their offices away from downtown areas of service center communities to suburban communities and to make other growth-related capital investments away from these downtown areas; and

Whereas, these relocations and redirection of other state investments may have a devastating impact on the economic and social vitality of downtown areas or service center communities or bring about undesirable patterns of development; and

Whereas, a long-standing goal of the State, as expressed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4312, is to encourage orderly growth and development in appropriate areas of each community while protecting the State's rural character, making efficient use of public services and preventing development sprawl; and

Whereas, a study of these issues must be initiated promptly in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for the next legislative 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

Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force on State Office Building Loca-