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### **An Act to Provide Authorization to Aroostook County to Use the Statewide Radio and Network System**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Representative THERIAULT of Fort Kent and

Senator: STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield, GUERRETTE of Caribou.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1520**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. PP, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **§1520. Statewide Radio and Network System Reserve Fund**

5 **1. Fund established.** The Statewide Radio and Network System Reserve Fund,  
6 referred to in this section as "the "fund," is established as an internal service fund in the  
7 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology,  
8 referred to in this section as "the "office," for the purposes of managing the fund and  
9 acquiring, expanding, upgrading and replacing a statewide radio and network system for  
10 use by state agencies and Aroostook County. The office may charge a fee to agencies using  
11 the statewide radio and network system and Aroostook County in accordance with an  
12 established rate structure. Revenues derived from operations must be used to pay the costs  
13 of the lease-purchase to acquire a system, expand, upgrade and replace the system, and to  
14 manage the fund.

15 A. The office shall work closely with all state departments and agencies and Aroostook  
16 County to identify radio and network requirements for the statewide system to ensure  
17 that agency and county program requirements are met to the maximum extent possible.  
18 The office shall:

19 (1) Ensure that the annual costs of the lease or lease-purchase are paid in a timely  
20 manner and that the financial affairs of the fund are properly managed;

21 (2) Maintain records of radio and network system requirements for all state  
22 agencies using the system and Aroostook County and make this information  
23 available to state agencies and Aroostook County;

24 (3) Require state agencies to become part of the statewide radio and network  
25 system when replacing their current systems or purchasing new systems;

26 (4) Acquire, expand, upgrade or replace the statewide radio and network system  
27 in accordance with an established replacement plan; and

28 (5) Transfer radio equipment and network infrastructure into the fund from state  
29 agencies using the system and Aroostook County, purchase, lease, lease-purchase  
30 or enter into other financing agreements, in accordance with section 1587, for the  
31 acquisition, expansion, upgrade or replacement of the system or any of its  
32 components in accordance with paragraph B when it can be demonstrated that any  
33 such action or agreement provides a clear cost or program advantage to the State.

34 B. The Chief Information Officer, in conjunction with the state agencies using the  
35 statewide radio and network system and Aroostook County, operating as a board that  
36 may be referred to as "the Statewide Radio Network Board," shall establish the  
37 following:

38 (1) Standards for statewide radio and network system operations;

39 (2) Specifications for systems and components to be acquired by the State; and

40 (3) Standards for the exemption or waiver of state agencies from the requirements  
41 of this section.

1 By January 15, 2002, standards must be developed for statewide radio and network  
2 system usage by all state agencies not exempted under subparagraph (3).

3 C. The office shall establish, through the Department of Administrative and Financial  
4 Services, Office of the State Controller, the Statewide Radio and Network System  
5 Reserve Fund account. The funds deposited in the account may include, but are not  
6 limited to, appropriations made to the account, funds transferred to the account from  
7 within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, funds received from  
8 state departments and agencies using the services provided by the office and Aroostook  
9 County, earnings by the fund from the Treasurer of State's pool and proceeds from the  
10 sale of system assets under the administrative control of the fund by the state surplus  
11 property program in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau  
12 of General Services in accordance with paragraph B and other provisions of law.

13 D. The fund may levy charges according to a rate schedule recommended by the Chief  
14 Information Officer and approved by the Commissioner of Administrative and  
15 Financial Services against all state departments and agencies using the services of the  
16 statewide radio and network system and Aroostook County.

17 E. Service charges for the statewide radio and network system must be calculated to  
18 provide for system acquisition costs, expansion costs, upgrade costs, necessary capital  
19 investment and fund management costs, replacement costs and sufficient working  
20 capital for the fund.

21 F. Each state department or agency using the services of the statewide radio and  
22 network system and Aroostook County must budget adequate funds to pay for costs  
23 described in paragraph E.

24 **Sec. 2. Office of Information Technology to authorize Aroostook County**  
25 **to use statewide radio and network system.** The Department of Administrative and  
26 Financial Services, Office of Information Technology shall authorize Aroostook County to  
27 use the statewide radio and network system under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,  
28 section 1520.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of  
31 Information Technology to authorize Aroostook County to use the statewide radio and  
32 network system and amends the provisions of law governing the Statewide Radio and  
33 Network System Reserve Fund to include Aroostook County.