# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

No. 928

S. P. 281 In Senate, February 20, 1969 Taken from the Table by President. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent down for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

#### STATE OF MAINE

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

#### AN ACT Establishing a Study Committee on Water Resources.

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

- Sec. 1. State Committee to Study Water Resources. A committee of 9 members to be known as the State Committee to Study Water Resources shall be formed, the Governor to appoint 3 members including the chairman, one to be from the office of the Attorney General, one from a large industry and one from the general public; the President of the Senate to appoint 3 members, one from the Senate, one from a water utility and one from those active in conservation; and the speaker of the House to appoint 3 members, one from the House of Representatives, one from an electric utility and one from those active in recreation.
- Sec. 2. Duties. Since the surface and ground waters of the State are a natural resource and should be managed wisely, the State Committee to Study Water Resources shall review the water diversion, withdrawal and control laws of various states and thereafter recommend, if found by it desirable, a Water Resource Act to provide for the proper management of such waters for the present and future health and welfare of the citizens of the State. It shall make its recommendations thereon to the Legislative Research Committee by October 1, 1970 for any necessary legislation to be prepared for submission to the 105th Legislature.
- Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$875 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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STATE COMMITTEE TO STUDY WATER RESOURCES

All Other \$375 \$500