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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 96

In Senate, January 20, 1971

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Shute of Franklin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Changing the Name of Committee on Educational Television and
Relating to Educational Services in Communication Media.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 2601, amended. The first sentence of section 2601 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

A Committee on ~~Educational Television~~ **Maine Public Broadcasting**, as heretofore created for the purpose of facilitating the development of ~~educational television~~ **public broadcasting** in the State, shall consist of 7 members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 2603, amended. Section 2603 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 2603. Powers and duties

The Committee on ~~Educational Television~~ **Maine Public Broadcasting** is empowered and authorized to act as follows:

1. **Recommendations.** To make such recommendations to the trustees of the University of Maine as it deems necessary relating to the appointment of professional, clerical or other assistants, location of ~~educational television~~ **public broadcasting** stations and construction and equipment of said stations necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

2. **Programs.** To give its advice and consent to the trustees of the University of Maine for the ~~educational television~~ **public broadcasting** programs to be transmitted by the network.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 2605, amended. Section 2605 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 2605. Construction of state-wide network

The University of Maine is authorized to acquire real estate, construct, operate, manage and equip **radio**, transmission and microwave television facilities and to interconnect with any other **radio** or television network or station within or without this State for the purpose of providing a state-wide ~~educational television~~ **public broadcasting** network for the transmission of ~~educational television~~ **public broadcasting** to pupils in the schools, colleges, university and adult audiences throughout the State; and the University of Maine is authorized to enter into contracts for the construction of said facilities, contracts for personal services necessary for the management and operation of said facilities and any other contracts deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to change the name of "Committee on Educational Television" to "Committee on Maine Public Broadcasting" to reflect the changing trends in the educational broadcasting field, along with the fact that educational services are provided not only in television, but in other communication media, such as radio. The proposed amendment to section 2605 reflects this desire to include all broadcasting media within the scope of the Act.