

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2300

H. P. 1808

House of Representatives, January 4, 1974

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Clark of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

**AN ACT Creating a Permanent Governor's Advisory Council on the Status
of Women.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, c. 17, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 17 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 17

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

§ 411. Membership

The Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, heretofore created, shall be composed of 23 members appointed by the Governor, hereinafter in this chapter called the "council." In making appointments to the council, the Governor shall give consideration to citizens who are currently providing leadership in status of women programs on the state and local level. The Governor shall designate the chairman and vice-chairman. The various state departments shall assist the council in the furtherance of its duties.

The membership shall be chosen from the various geographical regions of the State and shall include representatives of youth, the elderly, minority, low income and other groups in our State with special needs and concerns relating to the status of women. Council members shall serve for 2 years.

§ 412. Duties and activities

The council shall act in an advisory and consultative capacity and may promote and coordinate activities designed to meet the problems of women on the state and community levels, including information on effective programs elsewhere in the State and nation.

The council is authorized to carry out whatever research and programs are necessary to determine the status of women and to improve the status of women. These activities may include preparing recommendations for legislative reform and accepting grants to further the goals of the council.

§ 413. Staff

The council is authorized to employ such staff as is necessary to carry out its objectives. The council is also authorized to employ consultants and contract for such research projects as it deems necessary.

§ 414. Subcommittees

The chairman is authorized to create and appoint subcommittees.

§ 415. Conference and report

During the biennium, the council shall hold a State Governor's Conference on the Status of Women or hold regional conferences. The council shall make a report to the Governor concerning the work and interests of the council at the end of the biennium.

§ 416. Termination of appointment

The Governor may terminate the appointment of any member of the council for good and just cause and the reason for the termination of each appointment shall be communicated to each member of the council.

§ 417. Meetings

The council shall meet at the call of the chairman and not less than 3 times during each year. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in work of the council at the prevalent state rates.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1973, c. 129, Part B, repealed. Part B of chapter 129 of the private and special laws of 1973 is repealed.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 the sum of \$30,000 to the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women. The breakdown shall be as follows:

1974-75

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women
Personal Services

(2) \$18,240

All Other	11,000
Capital Expenditures	760
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	\$30,000

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall become effective July 1, 1974.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill creates a permanent council under the Maine Statutes, expands the council membership from 17 to 23 members and provides a budget for the council so that staff can be hired to implement council plans and programs.