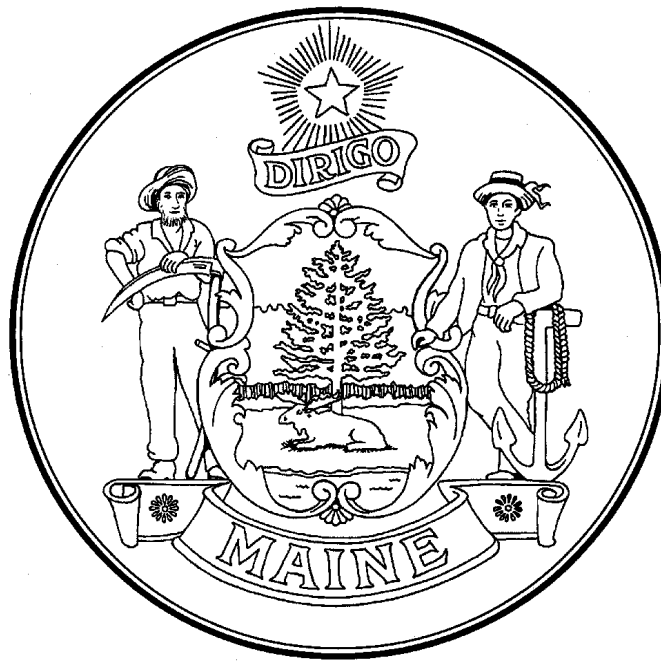


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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 138

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Baxter of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT Relating to Lands Reserved for Public Uses, Commonly Called Public Lots, and the Water Powers and Storage Reservoirs and Basins Located Thereon and in Connection with Same.

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

Section 1. In all townships and tracts less than a township where the state retains title to an unlocated one thousand acres of land, or any portion thereof, reserved for public uses, and on which there are water power sites and storage reservoirs and basins, whether developed or undeveloped, the state land agent, subject to the approval of the governor and council, shall locate said lands reserved

8 for public uses on the sites of such water powers and stor-
9 age reservoirs and basins, in such manner that the state
10 shall retain title to its proportional share of the value of
11 such water powers and storage reservoirs and basins in
12 said townships or tracts less than a township on the same
13 basis as the state retains title to its proportional share of
14 the area of such townships or tracts less than a township.

Sect. 2. The state land agent shall prepare and keep on
2 file in his office, available for public inspection, a record
3 of all townships and tracts less than a township, with a
4 description and plans thereof, in which the state of Maine
5 holds title to the one thousand acres of land or any portion
6 thereof reserved for public uses, and where the said one
7 thousand acres of land or any portion thereof have already
8 been or shall hereafter be located, he shall prepare and
9 record a description and plans thereof. The state land
10 agent shall include in such record a schedule of the water
11 power sites and storage reservoirs and basins, whether de-
12 veloped or undeveloped, on the townships and tracts less
13 than a township in which the said one thousand acres or
14 any portion thereof have or have not already been located.
15 The state land agent shall not sell or convey any of the
16 lands reserved for public uses or any interest therein until
17 the locations provided for under this act shall have been
18 made and recorded, and where it shall appear that such
19 lands or any part thereof are located on water power sites
20 or where such lands may be available in connection with

21 storage reservoirs and basins already, or that may here-
22 after be constructed, the title thereto shall remain in the
23 state and no conveyance shall be made thereof, except by
24 special act of the legislature.

Sect. 3. The state board of assessors and treasurer of
2 state shall furnish the state land agent with such informa-
3 tion as may be on file in their respective offices. The treas-
4 urer of state shall, from time to time, subject to the ap-
5 proval of the governor and council, pay over to the state
6 land agent, out of the fund derived from land reserved for
7 public uses, such money as may be necessary to obtain the
8 information and make the locations called for by this act.