

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 437

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House of Representatives, March 17, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Sea and Shore Fisheries. On motion of Mr. Perkins of Boothbay Harbor 500 copies ordered printed in concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Peacock of Washington.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Amend Chapter Two Hundred and Ninety-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Entitled an Act to Create a Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter two hundred and 2 ninety-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and 3 seventeen is hereby amended by inserting after the word 4 "election" in the tenth line of said section three the words: 5 'The governor shall designate and appoint one of said com- 6 missioners as chairman of said commission who shall hold

7 the office of chairman until the expiration of his term as  
8 said commissioner,' so that said section three as amended  
9 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. The governor, with the advice and consent of  
2 the council shall, upon the taking effect of this act, ap-  
3 point a commission of three persons to be known as the  
4 sea and shore fisheries commission who shall have gen-  
5 eral supervision of the sea and shore fisheries and shell-  
6 fish regulated by chapter forty-five of the revised statutes.  
7 Each commissioner except as hereinafter provided shall  
8 hold office for a term of three years, unless sooner removed.  
9 Two of said commissioners shall belong to the political  
10 party casting the largest number of votes for governor  
11 at the last preceding election and one from the political  
12 party casting the second largest vote for governor at the  
13 same election. The governor shall designate and appoint  
14 one of said commissioners as chairman of said commis-  
15 sion who shall hold the office of chairman until the  
16 expiration of his term as said commissioner. They shall  
17 exercise supervision over all the fisheries and their products  
18 taken from the tide waters within the state, including the  
19 proper enforcement of all laws relating to the catching,  
20 packing, curing, manufacturing, selling, branding and  
21 transportation of all kinds of pickled, salt, smoked, fresh  
22 canned or frozen shell or other fish. They shall have au-  
23 thority to make rules and regulations governing the time,  
24 manner and conditions of taking fish, shell-fish and lob-

25 sters and may declare a close time on such varieties and  
26 in such localities as they may determine; but such rules  
27 and regulations shall be made and such close time declared  
28 only after hearing, reasonable notice of which shall have  
29 been given by publication or otherwise to all parties in-  
30 terested. Rules and regulations so made and close time  
31 so declared shall be held to take precedence over any then  
32 existing provisions of statute inconsistent therewith.'

Sect. 2. Section five of chapter two hundred and ninety-  
2 three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen  
3 is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section  
4 five after the word "duties," the following:

'Provided, however, the chairman of the Commission of  
2 Sea and Shore Fisheries shall devote his entire time to  
3 the duties of the said office and shall receive as compensa-  
4 tion therefor the sum of four thousand dollars per year,  
5 in full for his services and actual expenses incurred in the  
6 performance of his official duties,' so that said section five  
7 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 5. The commissioners shall be sworn to the faith-  
2 ful performance of their duties and shall receive a per  
3 diem of five dollars while engaged in the work of the com-  
4 mission and their actual expenses incurred in the perform-  
5 ance of their official duties. Provided, however, the chair-  
6 man of the Commission of Sea and Shore Fisheries shall  
7 devote his entire time to the duties of the said office and  
8 shall receive as compensation therefor the sum of four

9 thousand dollars per year, in full for his services and ac-  
10 tual expenses incurred in the performance of his official  
11 duties.'