

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 111

In Senate, Feb. 25, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Gurney of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to Causes Determined by the Public Utilities Commission.

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

Section one of chapter 55 of the revised statutes is hereby
2 amended by inserting in the fourteenth line of said section
3 after the word "report", the words 'which report shall be
4 printed each year and shall contain such matter as the com-
5 mission determines is of public interest. There shall also
6 each year be printed, either in its report or in a separate
7 volume, such of the decisions and orders of the commission

8 as it determines are of public interest.' So that said section
9 as amended shall read as follows :

'Section I. The public utilities commission as heretofore
2 established, shall consist of three members appointed by the
3 governor, with the advice and consent of the council, from
4 time to time upon the expiration of the terms of the several
5 members, for terms of seven years ; any vacancy occurring
6 in said commission shall be filled by appointment for the
7 unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy occurs.
8 One member of the commission shall be designated by the
9 governor as chairman. The commission shall adopt and
10 have a seal and be provided with an office at the state house
11 in which its records shall be kept. Under the direction of
12 the governor and council the commission may expend such
13 sums of money as may be necessary for the purchase of
14 books, maps, stationery, office furniture and supplies, for
15 procuring statistics and information and for defraying ex-
16 penses incidental to the discharge of its duties ; a statement
17 of such expenses shall accompany its annual report, which
18 report shall be printed each year and shall contain such
19 matter as the commission determines is of public interest.
20 There shall also each year be printed, either in its report or
21 in a separate volume, such of the decisions and orders of the
22 commission as it determines are of public interest. The
23 commission shall appoint a clerk and an assistant clerk, also
24 a chief inspector of utilities, who shall be a practical railroad
25 man and shall perform such duties as the commission may

26 require. The clerk shall keep a full and minute record of
27 the proceedings of the commission which shall be open to
28 public inspection at all times. The assistant clerk shall
29 assist the clerk in the performance of his duties, and in the
30 absence of the clerk shall have the same powers as the
31 clerk. The commission shall have custody and control of
32 all records, maps and papers pertaining to the offices of the
33 former board of railroad commissioners and the former state
34 water storage commission.'