

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 779

S. P. 265

In Senate, January 29, 1963

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Lovell of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Appropriating Money to Provide Assistance to Smaller Towns in Comprehensive Planning.

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

Appropriation to provide assistance to smaller towns in comprehensive planning. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 and \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965 to increase the planning fund of the Department of Economic Development and to be expended by the department to provide assistance to the smaller towns of the State through comprehensive town planning.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Existing funds and statutes enable the large or growing town or city to obtain generous assistance when undertaking to appraise its resources systematically and plan for their best use. This comprehensive town planning however is also needed and desired by smaller municipalities. The fact that some of these are losing population gives emphasis to the immediacy of their need.

The State would like to assist the smaller municipalities in making the best use of their resources through organized planning programs.

It is proposed that these funds be available to interested communities for the purpose of comprehensive town planning on a matching basis. The program undertaken would be approved by the Division of Research and Planning before any state moneys are committed.