

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1007

S. P. 306

In Senate, February 4, 1965

Received by unanimous consent. Referred to Committee on State Government.
Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cahill of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Establishing a Maine Transportation Commission.

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

Sec. 1. Maine Transportation Commission. There is created a Maine Transportation Commission to formulate long-range policies and plans concerning the improvement of Maine transportation facilities, to consist of 2 Senators, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, 2 Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and 11 members, representing the public, to be appointed by the Governor at large from the citizens of the State. The Governor shall designate the chairman. The members of the commission shall be paid necessary expenses actually incurred in attending such meetings as shall be called by the chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties of commission. The commission shall formulate long-range policies and plans for the improvement of transportation facilities of the State of Maine. Recognizing that the state's location makes transportation costs unusually significant in determining the ability of the State to compete in national and international markets, the commission is directed to base its policy recommendations on long-range studies of regional transportation needs, facilities and costs. Such studies shall emphasize methods of improving and integrating present air, highway, rail and water transport so that the State can derive maximum benefit from new services and technologies in each of the modes.

Sec. 3. Commission staff. The commission is authorized to employ, subject to the Personnel Law, an executive secretary and such staff as may be necessary to carry out its duties.

Sec. 4. Consultant services. The commission may employ such expert and

professional consultants, and contract for such research projects, as it deems necessary, within the limits of funds provided.

Sec. 5. Agreements. The commission is authorized and empowered to enter into such agreements with the Federal Government and other agencies and organizations as will promote the objectives of this Act.

Sec. 6. Acceptance of funds. Funds from the Federal Government or from any individual, foundation or corporation may be accepted by the commission and expended for purposes consistent with this Act.

Sec. 7. Report. The commission shall report its progress to the Governor and to the 103rd Legislature, with any recommendations which it sees fit to make concerning transportation in the State.

Sec. 8. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the State the sum of \$100,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. Such appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.