

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 777

House of Representatives, February 9, 1965

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cookson of Glenburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Creating a Department of Indian Affairs.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 22, § 4702, repealed and replaced. Section 4702 of Title 22 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'§ 4702. Department of Indian Affairs; commissioner, qualifications, employment and salary; personnel

The duties and powers heretofore given the Commissioner of Health and Welfare relating to Indians, except their education, are transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs, which is created to exercise general supervision over the Indian tribes.

The Department of Indian Affairs shall be under the control and supervision of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs who shall be qualified by experience, training and demonstrated interest in Indian affairs. The commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to serve for a term of 4 years and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for a like term. The commissioner shall receive such salary as shall be fixed by the Governor and Council.

The commissioner may employ, subject to the Personnel Law, the necessary assistance to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Indian Affairs.'

Sec. 2. Transfer of funds. All funds appropriated by the 102nd Legislature to the Department of Health and Welfare for the administration of Indian affairs, except the education of the Indians, are transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs.