

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 520

H. P. 373

House of Representatives, February 1, 1967

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Susi of Pittsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to a Comprehensive Water Resource Use Plan.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 10, c. 101, sub-c. II-A, additional. Chapter 101 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subchapter II-A, to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER II-A

WATER RESOURCE PLANS

§ 461. Purpose

The many needs for water resource uses and the several problems related to such uses makes water resource planning highly important. Obviously, not all water can be used for all purposes. Complete inventory of the total water resources and thorough analysis of all the needs should be carried out expeditiously. Then a carefully prepared plan for balanced use of our valuable water resources must be prepared.

§ 462. Duties

The State Comprehensive Planning Office is authorized to survey the uses of water in and adjacent to the State. Information regarding the resource, its condition, the use of it and the needs for it shall be gathered from existing departments and other sources. Field data may be obtained where necessary in cooperation with others.

The efforts of the planning office will be complemented by all departments with a concern for water.

The State Comprehensive Planning Office shall coordinate the planning efforts for comprehensive water resources planning and the planning efforts for land areas adjacent to water bodies.

The Department Heads Committee on Natural Resources, established by the Act to "Prepare a Guide Plan of Land Uses Related to Water" shall serve as the Policy and Coordinating Committee for comprehensive water resources planning.

§ 463. Staff

A water Resources Planner is created and shall be in charge of Water Resources Planning under the supervision of the State Planner. State, federal or private funds or a combination may be used to hire the planner who may be hired as a classified or unclassified position with the approval of the State Planning Office and the Committee on Natural Resources.

The Water Resources Planner may hire a secretary with the approval of the State Planning Office.

§ 464. Consultant services

The State Planning Office, with the consent of the Committee on Natural Resources, may employ such expert and professional consultants, and contract for such research projects, as it deems necessary, within the limits of the funds provided and consistent with the powers and duties of the office.

§ 465. Agreements

The State Planning Office 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 subchapter.

§ 466. Acceptance of funds

Funds from the Federal Government or from any individual, foundation or corporation may be accepted by the office and expended for purposes consistent with this subchapter.

§ 467. Reports

The State Planning Office shall make reports, at least annually, and as prepared, to the Governor, the Legislature, state departments and federal agencies to meet various planning requirements and needs.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Comprehensive Planning Office the sum of \$20,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and \$20,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969. This appropriation shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1969.

The sum of \$20,000 annually shall be used to match the funds available under the Federal Water Resources Planning Act, Public Law 89-90 through the Federal Water Resources Council.

With a total of \$40,000 per year, it is anticipated that expenditures would be approximately as follows:

Personal Services	(3) \$25,000
All Other	14,000
Capital Expenditures	1,000

If Federal funds become unavailable, the expenditure would be approximately:

Personal Services	(3) \$15,000
All Other	4,500
Capital Expenditures	500