

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 634

S. P. 139

In Senate, February 8, 1967

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Lund of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for Review of Laws Relating to Maine's Indian Tribes.

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

Sec. 1. Review of Indian laws. The Governor of the State is authorized to appoint, during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1967 and terminating June 30, 1969, a committee to study the present general provisions of the statutes, private and special laws and resolves which relate to Maine's Indian tribes, and to recommend to the next regular session of the Legislature such changes, additions and amendments as may be necessary or desirable to consolidate such statutes, laws and resolves to make them more readily understandable, workable and useful. In addition, said committee shall consider and report on the arguments for and against, and the necessary method of permitting Maine's Indian tribes to draft and adopt constitutions, bylaws, articles of incorporation or other such documents if desired by the tribes.

Sec. 2. Committee membership. Such committee shall consist of the tribal governors of the 3 reservations or their appointed delegates; 3 members of the State Legislature; representatives of the Maine Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, the American Friends Service Committee and the Federation of Women's Clubs and 2 citizens of the State chosen by the Governor of the State.

Such committee members will receive no salary for their investigation, but shall be reimbursed for travel and subsistence required during the course of the investigation, determined on the same basis as state employees.

The committee shall elect by majority vote from within its membership a chairman and a secretary and such other officers as may be necessary.

No member of the State Department of Indian Affairs may serve on said committee though such persons may be called on for testimony and opinion.

The committee, by majority vote, may employ such technical and clerical assistance and hold such public and private hearings as may be necessary.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$7,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 to carry out the purpose of this Act. Such sum shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1969.