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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 12, 1969

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Benson of Southwest Harbor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Regional Planning.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, § 4501, amended. Section 4501 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 4501. Regional Planning commission

A municipality which has a planning board may join a regional planning commission for the purpose of regional development and for coordination with state and federal planning and development programs:

1. **Districts.** The Governor may designate regional planning and development districts when he finds any of the following conditions:

A. There exists with the proposed district a clear need to plan and develop its physical, economic and social resources; or

B. There exists special or acute agricultural, forestry, conservation, transportation, park and recreational, water systems, sewerage systems, pollution abatement facilities problems, or other physical or social or economic problems of a regional character; or

C. The proposed district meets other reasonable conditions consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

In establishing standards and determining boundaries the Governor through the State Planning Office shall afford all affected parties adequate notice and an opportunity to present relevant information, and give appropriate con-

sideration to geographic, demographic, social and economic inter-dependent communities.

2. **Revision.** The Governor may, after consultation with the State Planning Office and the officers of the municipalities and counties involved, revise the resignation of districts to reflect changing conditions or otherwise to fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

3. **State agency assistance.** The State Planning Office shall assist interested municipalities and counties in arranging for designation of planning and development districts and will coordinate the resources of other state agencies for such assistance.

4. **Agreements.** The Governor may enter into agreements with the governor or premier of an adjoining state or province of Canada to establish inter-state or international regional planning or development districts.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 30, § 4502, sub-§ 1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 4502 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. **Composition.** The commission may be composed of 2 or more member municipalities, counties, and where wildland or unorganized townships are involved in designated districts, the Forest Commissioner, the State Planning Director, the Commissioner of Economic Development and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 30, § 4503, sub-§ 1, ¶ A amended. Paragraph A of subsection 1 of section 4503 of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

A. Where the population of the municipality according to the last Decennial Census of the United States is less than 20,000, it is entitled to 2 representatives, no more than one of whom shall be a resident currently holding elective office in the municipality; 20,000 to 10,000, 3, no more than one of whom shall be a resident currently holding elective office in the municipality; and more than 100,000, 4, no more than 2 of whom shall be residents currently holding elective office in the municipality.