

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1165

H. P. 904 House of Representatives, March 4, 1969
Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and
ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk
Presented by Mr. Johnston of Fort Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Providing for State Contribution to the Cooperative Soil Survey.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 12, c. 3, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 3, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3 COOPERATIVE SOIL SURVEY

§ 211. Legislative findings

It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for the state contribution to the Cooperative Soil Survey of the State of Maine. The Cooperative Soil Survey, conducted nationally by the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, is the systematic inventory of the soils of the State. This basic soils data is of great value in the guidance of sound land use planning.

§ 212. General provisions

1. Data. The Soil and Water Conservation Committee shall gather and compile soils data and information of the State. It shall present this information in printed maps and reports for the general public.

2. Professional soil scientists. The committee may employ professional soil scientists to perform soils mapping in Maine. The committee may contract with other state or federal agencies as appropriate to accomplish necessary soils mapping within this State.

3. **Interdepartmental cooperation.** The committee shall consult with other state resource agencies and the State Planning Office in setting priorities of soils mapping and the publication of interim soils reports.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$100,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1969-70	1970-71
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE		
Personal Services	(1) \$ 8,800	\$ 9,300
All Other	40,700	40,700
Capital Expenditures	500	—
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	\$50,000	\$50,000