

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and 1,000 ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Eustis of Dixfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Establishing the Environmental Advisory Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 10, c. 2, additional. Title 10 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 2, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

§ 11. Environmental Advisory Commission

1. Commission. There is established the Environmental Advisory Commission, which shall be composed of 9 citizens of the State, who shall be appointed by the Governor for 3-year terms. Two members shall represent industrial and commercial interests and shall be selected from a list of 5 names submitted by the Associated Industries of Maine; 2 members shall represent conservation and shall be selected from a list of 5 names submitted by the Natural Resources Council of Maine; 2 members shall be drawn from the academic community; and the remaining 3 shall represent the public generally. Of the first 9 members appointed to the commission, 3 shall serve for one year, 3 for 2 years, and 3 for 3 years, and it shall be determined by lot who shall serve for what term. Thereafter, 3 members shall be appointed annually by the Governor, to serve for 3 years. No person may receive more than 3 successive appointments to the commission. Each member of the commission shall be entitled to an honorarium of \$50 for each day during which the commission meets. The members of the commission may make reasonable rules and regulations with respect to the internal functioning of the

commission, select their own chairman, set the time and place of meetings and employ necessary assistance.

2. Duties. The commission shall be charged with reviewing all proposals originating with, supervised by or requiring the approval of any department, commission, agency, board or other functional unit of the executive branch of State Government, or any governmental subdivision of the State, whether or not such proposal involves the expenditure of general or trust funds of the State, or federal funds, or involves the pledging of the credit of the State or any subdivision thereof, or the use of the name of the State or any subdivision thereof which may affect the environment of the State, for the purpose of determining whether such proposals are in conformity with the established policy of the State with respect to its environment. Each such proposal shall be submitted to the commission at the earliest possible stage of its consideration by the submitting governmental unit.

3. Proposals. Each such proposal shall be submitted in writing to the commission in such form that it can be circulated to the members thereof not less than 30 days before any meeting of the commission which shall consider such proposal. The commission may note its approval of the proposal, or make recommendations for alteration of the proposal, or note its disapproval of the proposal. The commission may make majority and minority reports, and shall make its report as promptly as possible to the submitting governmental unit, and the latter shall take the report of the commission into consideration in acting further upon the proposal. The heads of those state agencies charged with the management of natural resources may participate in the deliberations of the commission and join in its recommendations.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$45,500 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1969-70	1970-71
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION		
Personal Services	(9) \$16,600	(9) \$22,400
All Other	2,500	3,000
Capital Expenditures	1,000	
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	\$20,100	\$25,400