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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1062

H. P. 786

House of Representatives, February 23, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Creating the Cobbossee-Annabessacook Authority.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there exist serious problems in the Cobbossee-Annabessacook watershed involving the height and purity of the waters thereof; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary at once to control the level of such water and to improve the quality and purity of the same for the public health and welfare of the residents of said area and the people of the State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Committee. The Governor is authorized to appoint an authority consisting of 5 members who are full-time or seasonal residents of the area around Lake Cobbossee and Lake Annabessacook and to fill any vacancies from time to time on said authority. Appointments shall be for a 2-year term and the authority shall choose its own chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties. The authority shall have the power to accept grants and loans from any municipality, state or federal agency and contributions from

individuals and corporations to be used to control the level of the water in said lakes and to improve the quality and purity of the water.

Sec. 3. Termination. In the event the Cobbossee Watershed District is formed and operating, any assets of the authority shall be forthwith transferred to said district to be held and used in accordance with the purposes thereof. The authority shall make a report to the Governor and to the 106th Legislature of its activities.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.