

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1135

S. P. 380

In Senate, March 2, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Bernard of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Authorizing Counties to Establish and Operate Parks, Playgrounds
and Open Areas.**

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

R. S., T. 30, §§ 305 - 307, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 3 new sections to read as follows:

§ 305. Public parks, playgrounds and open areas

Any county may receive, hold and manage devices, bequests or gifts for the establishment, increase or maintenance of public parks and playgrounds and open areas, including marsh lands, swamps and other wetlands, in such county, and may take by eminent domain land not exceeding 50 acres to be used or maintained as a public park, playground or open area and as marsh land, swamp or wetland as defined in section 3851. Eminent domain proceedings shall be in conformity with Title 23, sections 2051 to 2058.

§ 306. Procedures; operation

The county commissioners shall operate any public park, playground or open area owned by the county. They shall be governed by section 3851 the same as a municipal conservation commission.

§ 307. Federal funds

The county commissioners on behalf of the county may receive federal tax money for public parks, playgrounds or open areas either directly from the Federal Government or from any state department having such funds for such purposes.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act would authorize counties to establish and operate parks, playgrounds and other similar recreational facilities and would allow them to receive state and federal matching funds.