

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1483

H. P. 1095

House of Representatives, March 12, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Farrington of Old Orchard Beach.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Revising the Law Relating to Grants and Loans for Preliminary
Planning of Pollution Abatement Facilities.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 38, § 412, amended. The second paragraph of section 412 of Title 38 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 546 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

Grants shall be made in accordance with either of the following methods, whichever will result in a larger grant being received by the applicant:

1. Population method. Where the population, according to the last decennial census of the United States, of the total area embraced by the preliminary planning is:

- ¶ A. 10,000 or less, the grant may not exceed \$5,000;
- ¶ B. Between 10,000 and 25,000, the grant may not exceed \$15,000;
- ¶ C. Between 25,000 and 50,000, the grant may not exceed \$50,000;
- ¶ D. Between 50,000 and 100,000, the grant may not exceed \$100,000;
- ¶ E. Over 100,000, the grant may not exceed \$150,000.

2. Housing unit method. The commission may multiply by 3.0 the number of housing units, as reported in the last decennial United States Census of Housing, within the total area embraced by the preliminary planning, consider the product as the population of the area, and make the grant, based on such population, in accordance with subsection 1.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. Applicants who have applied for a grant under section 412 between May 9, 1970 and the effective date of this Act may petition the commission for recomputation of the population base upon which the grant is awarded and payment of additional grant moneys, if recomputation under section 1 of this Act would result in a larger grant.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this legislation is to provide sufficient grant moneys for municipalities to plan pollution abatement facilities if the community is subject to seasonal variations in population. A number of communities in the State of Maine have small permanent populations that are subject to a large influx of tourists especially during the summer months. These communities not only have to plan pollution abatement facilities for permanent residents but also seasonal residents.