

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 1103

House of Representatives, March 12, 1971

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Donaghy of Lubec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Executive Reorganization.

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

R. S., T. 2, § 8, additional. Title 2 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 8 to read as follows:

§ 8. Governor's advisory staff

1. Established. There is hereby created a Governor's Advisory Staff consisting of certain state officials who shall meet with the Governor for the purpose of advising him on such matters and at such times and places as he may direct.

2. Purpose. This section is not intended as a limitation on the power of the Governor, but to provide him with a means of improving communication and coordination within the executive branch of State Government, to promote the better execution of the laws, the more effective management of the executive branch of the State Government and of its agencies and functions, and to increase the efficiency of the operation of the government to the fullest extent practicable.

3. Continuous staff members. The following state officials shall serve continuously as members of the Governor's Advisory Staff:

Chairman of the Highway Commission;

Commissioner of Economic Development;

Commissioner of Finance and Administration;

Commissioner of Education.

4. **Alternating staff members.** The following state officials shall serve in alternating years as members of the Governor's Advisory Staff, the first official listed in each pair hereunder to serve during the first year or part thereof in which this Act is effective, and in every other year thereafter. Each member of the pair while serving as an advisory staff member shall present to the Governor the views of both departments, disseminate to both of them the desires of the Governor, and shall be responsible for any requisite coordination between those departments.

A. First pair.

Commissioner of Health and Welfare and
Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections.

B. Second pair.

Chairman of the Employment Security Commission and
Commissioner of Labor and Industry.

5. **Rotating staff members.** The following state officials shall serve in rotating years as members of the Governor's Advisory Staff, the first official listed in each group to serve during the first year or part thereof in which this Act is effective, and in rotating years thereafter. Each member of the group while serving as an advisory staff member shall present to the Governor the views of the departments in that group, disseminate to all in that group the desires of the Governor, and shall be responsible for any requisite coordination among those departments.

A. First group:

Bank Commissioner ;
Insurance Commissioner and
Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission.

B. Second group:

Forest Commissioner ;
Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game ;
Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries ;
Commissioner of Park and Recreation Department and
Commissioner of Agriculture.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The present size of the Executive Branch of Government requires provision for a means of improving communication and coordination within the Executive Branch of Government, to promote the better execution of the laws, the more effective management of the Executive Branch of the Government and of its agencies and functions, and to increase the efficiency of the operations of the government to the fullest extent practicable.