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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1638

H. P. 1187

House of Representatives, March 17, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McTeague of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to a Department of Community and
Economic Development.

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

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

PART 10

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CHAPTER 903

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

§ 8101. Department; secretary

There is created and established the Department of Community and Economic Development to enhance the economic and social welfare of the people of Maine by assisting and promoting economic and community development, activities and opportunities; by encouraging new enterprises and the expansion of proven existing enterprises and activities seeking ultimately the improvement in both the quality and quantity of job opportunities and community services to consist of a Secretary of Community and Economic Development appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and the following as heretofore created and established: Department of Economic Development, State Housing Authority, Washington County Development Authority, Washington County Economic Advisory Committee, State Technical Services Pro-

gram, Maine Law Enforcement Planning and Assistance Agency and the Maine Police Academy.

The secretary shall be the chief administrative officer of the department and shall employ, subject to the Personnel Law, such bureau and division heads and other employees as may be necessary to carry out the work of the department.

The secretary shall organize and from time to time reorganize the department into such bureaus and divisions as may be necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the department.

§ 8102. Deputies

Subject to the Personnel Law, the secretary may appoint a first deputy secretary, and may appoint one or more additional deputies.

The deputies shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the secretary may from time to time authorize. The first deputy shall be acting secretary during a vacancy in the office of secretary or during the incapacity of the secretary.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 10, § 401, repealed. Section 401 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Amendatory clause. Wherever in chapter 101 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes the word "commissioner" appears it shall mean "secretary", to wit the Secretary of Community and Economic Development and wherever in said chapter the word "department" appears it shall mean the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall be effective July 1, 1973; however, the authority to appoint a Secretary of Community and Economic Development shall be effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature and said secretary shall be responsible for planning, preparation and submission for the department for the 1973-75 biennium.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation creates a Department of Community and Economic Development, headed by a secretary, by combining the agencies listed in section 1 of this Act.