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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Create the Saco River Environmental Advisory Committee.

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

Sec. 1. Purpose and scope. The Legislature finds and declares that the Saco River, along with its major tributaries, the Ossipee and Little Ossipee Rivers, are natural rivers of great scenic beauty and unique character, possessing outstanding recreational, historical, educational, scientific, cultural, wilderness and environmental values of great present and future benefit to this generation and all succeeding generations, and due to their locations and the trends which are threatening their values that it is in the best interests of the people of the State to provide for the orderly protection and proper development of the values in the Saco River Corridor by encouraging, among other things, the most appropriate use of land and water resources; prevention of overcrowding or development which may tend to pollute lakes, ponds, rivers or streams; the preservation of natural conditions where appropriate or beneficial and the preservation and creation of ecological balance in the Corridor by proper planning for agriculture, industry, commerce, forestry, fish, wildlife, wilderness, recreation, residences and other purposes.

Sec. 2. Committee created. To carry out the purposes of this Act, there is created the Saco River Environmental Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of the membership of the Saco River Corridor Association, a nonstock, nonprofit corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of this State. In addition, the municipal officers of each municipality bordering on the Saco River may appoint one member to the committee, and each regional planning commission whose membership includes any such municipality may likewise appoint a member. The committee may accept

contributions of any type from any source to assist it in carrying out its assigned tasks.

Sec. 3. Powers and duties of the committee. The committee shall be responsible for coordinating the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the immediate and long-range protection and development of the resources of the Saco River Corridor, such plan to be submitted to the Governor and the 106th Legislature.

Sec. 4. Discharge of committee. Upon presentation of the plan described in section 3, the purposes of this Act shall be deemed accomplished and the committee shall be discharged.