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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1688

S. P. 535

In Senate, April 2, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Reestablishing the Capitol Planning Commission.

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

Sec 1. R. S., T. 5, § 298, repealed and replaced. Section 298 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 458 of the public laws of 1967 and as repealed and replaced by section 5 of chapter 615 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 298. Capitol Planning Commission

There is created a Capitol Planning Commission, the function of which shall be to administer this chapter and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

The commission shall consist of 5 members appointed by the Governor for overlapping terms of 5 years. One member of the first commission shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years and one for 5 years. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of 5 years. Each member shall serve for the term of his appointment and thereafter until his successor is appointed and qualified. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner in which the original appointment is made. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall receive their necessary expenses.

The members of the commission shall elect a chairman who shall preside at all meetings of the commission when present. The commission shall meet at least once every 4 months and in addition, may meet as often as necessary, at such times and places as the chairman may designate. Any 3 members constitute a quorum for the exercise of all powers of the commission. The

commission may employ, subject to the Personnel Law, such assistance as may be necessary to properly carry out the duties of the commission.

The Bureau of Public Improvements shall serve as the secretariat of the commission in exercising its administration. The commission may make such rules and regulations as it shall deem necessary for the purposes of carrying out this chapter.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 299, amended. The first paragraph of section 299 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 458 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 14 of chapter 615 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

The Bureau of Public Improvements shall establish and maintain a master plan for the orderly development of future state buildings and grounds in the Capitol Area of the City of Augusta. In ~~evolving~~ maintaining the master plan, the bureau shall take the following factors into consideration.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 5, § 302, amended. Section 302 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 458 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 14 of chapter 615 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read as follows:

From time to time the commission may submit such additions and amendments as it deems necessary to the Legislature for adoption and inclusion in the official state master plan for the development of state buildings and grounds in the Capitol Area.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 5, § 304, amended. Section 304 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 458 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 304. Approval of construction projects

No construction projects shall be initiated in the Capitol Area for the development of state buildings and grounds following the adoption of the plan or amendments and additions thereto by the Legislature without the approval of the Legislative Research Committee and the Bureau of Public Improvements of the proposals and plans for such projects.

Sec. 5. R. S., T. 5, § 307, amended. Section 307 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 458 of the public laws of 1967 and as amended by section 6 of chapter 615 of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 307. Interest in contracts prohibited

No employee of the Department of Finance and Administration or member of the commission shall be interested directly or indirectly in any contract or contracts calling for the construction or improvements of facilities, buildings and grounds in the Capitol Area in the City of Augusta as described in Title 1, section 814.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will reestablish the Capitol Planning Commission. In this period of contemplated capital construction in the Capitol Area this commission would provide expert guidance for the orderly and aesthetic development of the area.