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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Creating the Bureau of Data Processing within the State
Planning Office.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, c. 312, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 5 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 312

DATA PROCESSING

§ 3321. Intent

The Legislature determines and declares that the creation of a State Bureau of Data Processing is necessary for the orderly coordination and economical processing of data in State Government; to insure economical utilization of equipment; to prevent the unnecessary proliferation of equipment, programs and personnel; and the overlapping of functions, among the various state departments and agencies.

§ 3322. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words shall have the following meanings.

1. Bureau. "Bureau" means the Bureau of Data Processing within the State Planning Office.

2. Data processing. "Data processing" means the process that encompasses all computerized and auxiliary automated information handling, including

systems analysis and design, conversion of data, computer programming, information storage and retrieval, data and facsimile transmission, requisite system controls, simulation and all the related man-machine interaction.

3. Director. "Director" means the Director of Data Processing.

4. Using agency. "Using agency" means any state department or agency or any business, industry or social agency in the State which utilizes the services under this chapter.

§ 3323. Powers and duties

The State Planning Office, through the Bureau of Data Processing, shall have authority:

1. Central computer services. To establish, maintain and operate a central data processing bureau; to administer state data processing centers; and to develop and administer standards governing data processing systems and programming methods;

2. Centralization. To effect the centralization and consolidation of existing punch card and electronic data processing equipment and services in order to obtain maximum utilization and efficiency except that such centralization and consolidation as it may relate to the activities of the Department of Transportation and the University of Maine shall only be accomplished with the respective approval of the Department of Transportation and University of Maine; to approve the continuation of departmental facilities if in the best interests of the State;

3. Approve acquisition and use. To approve acquisition and use of all data processing services by state agencies, including requirements for personnel and equipment, except the Department of Transportation and the University of Maine which shall coordinate the acquisition and use of their data processing services with the bureau;

4. Furnish staff assistance. To furnish staff assistance in methods, systems and programming work to other state agencies;

5. Comprehensive state master plan. To formulate, develop and maintain a comprehensive state master plan for data processing and communications systems;

6. Charges. To levy appropriate monthly charges against all state agencies using services provided by the bureau, said charges shall be based upon the cost of operating and maintaining the center in proportion to the services performed for the using agency;

7. Other powers and duties. To make rules and regulations, subject to the approval of the State Planning Director, for the carrying out of this chapter;

8. Data bank. To create a data bank for use not only by the departments and agencies of State Government but also by the businesses, industries and social agencies in the State on a fee-for-service rendered basis;

9. Equipment. To purchase or lease data processing equipment in the name of the bureau and to operate said equipment in providing services to the using agencies;

10. Employees. To employ such technical, professional and clerical help as may be necessary for the administration of this chapter and for the performance of such other duties as may be imposed upon the bureau by law, subject to the Personnel Law.

§ 3324. Professional and technical services

The director is authorized, with the approval of the Director of State Planning, to employ or engage such outside technical or professional personnel and services as may be necessary within funds available. He shall review and approve all proposals for data processing services and systems prior to implementation and approve all state contracts for such services.

§ 3325. Intergovernmental cooperation and assistance

The director, with the approval of the Director of State Planning, is authorized and empowered to enter into such agreements with the Federal Government and other agencies and organizations as will promote the objectives of this chapter, and to accept funds from the Federal Government, municipal and county agencies, or from any individual or corporation to be expended for purposes consistent with this chapter.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 1541, sub-§ 12, repealed. Subsection 12 of section 1541 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of section C of chapter 251 of the private and special laws of 1969, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.