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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Establishing a Commission on Maine's Future.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, c. 313, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 313 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 313

COMMISSION ON MAINE'S FUTURE

§ 3308. Commission on Maine's Future

There is created and established a Commission on Maine's Future, hereinafter in this chapter referred to as "the commission." It shall be the responsibility of the commission to recommend a desirable and feasible description of the State's future based upon comprehensive analysis of factual information and projections pertinent to such a description. The commission may use the technical expertise of the State Planning Office to construct models and identify parameters to be used in determining the best long-range goals of the State. These findings shall be articulated into a working document. The commission shall meet at least twice annually.

§ 3309. Members of the commission

The Commission on Maine's Future shall consist of 40 members, 27 of whom shall be appointed by the Governor and who shall be apportioned among the planning and development districts, established pursuant to Title

30, section 4521, according to relative population shares, except that no district shall have fewer than 2 representatives and each county shall have at least 1 representative. There shall be 13 ex officio members as follows: The Director of the State Planning Office and 6 Senators appointed by the President of the Senate from the majority and minority parties in the Senate, approximately in proportion to their respective membership in the Senate and 6 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House from the majority and minority parties in the House, approximately in proportion to their respective membership in the House.

The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the commission from among the membership and the chairman shall serve at the Governor's pleasure. This chapter shall have a legislated lifetime until June 30, 1977 and all appointed members shall serve terms expired on that date. Any membership vacancies will be filled by appointment by the Governor.

§ 3310. Duties of the commission

The duties of the commission are to prepare for consideration by the Governor, the Legislature and the people of Maine:

1. A proposed growth and development policy for the State of Maine and recommendations concerning means of most effectively implementing such policy;
2. Reports assembling, analyzing and projecting relevant information regarding the future of the State including, but not limited to:
 - A. State-wide and regional demographic information on growth, interstate and intrastate migration patterns, age distribution and dependency ratios as factors in the cultural, social and economic life of the State;
 - B. Availability of various natural resources including energy and an analysis of their importance to, and effect upon, the cultural, social and economic life of the State; and
 - C. A description of the future of the State as envisioned by Maine people.
3. An examination of long-range plans by state departments and agencies, including the University of Maine and an assessment of their possible impact on state growth and development;
4. Reports on the implications of major state decisions;
5. An interim report on commission activities to be submitted not later than November 30, 1976;
6. A formal final report on commission activities to be submitted not later than June 30, 1977.

In the performance of the above duties, the commission may hold public hearings and conferences with any person, persons, organizations and governmental agencies concerned with Maine's future. The commission shall be provided information, reports or other assistance from any agency, depart-

ment, legislative committee or other instrumentality of the State, with the consent of the head of the respective organization. State agencies shall, on request, assist the commission in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

§ 3311. Funding

The commission is authorized to accept and employ any funding available to it in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall take effect January 1, 1975.