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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1295

H. P. 1014

House of Representatives, March 20, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Establish the Salmon Falls River Watershed 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 Salmon Falls River, along with its major tributaries, the Great Works and Little River, and ponds including Milton and Great Lakes, 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 Salmon Falls River Watershed 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 watershed 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 Salmon Falls River Watershed Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of the membership of the Salmon Falls River Watershed Association. In addition, the municipal officers of each municipality bordering on the Salmon Falls 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. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

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 Salmon Falls River Watershed, such plan to be submitted to the Governor and the 108th 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill established a planning committee to develop a comprehensive plan for the Salmon Falls River Watershed area.