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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1443

House of Representatives, April 8, 1975

On Motion of Mr. Cooney of Sabattus referred to Committee on State Government. Presented to the House of Representatives by the Joint Standing Committee on State Government Pursuant to Joint Rule No. 3 of the Legislature. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Creating the Advisory Committee on State Telecommunications.

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

5 MRSA c. 16 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 16

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

§ 350. Statement of purpose

The Department of Finance and Administration, as the principal administrative and fiscal department of the State Government, has responsibilities for the general administration of state telecommunications services, including but not limited to telephone services, radio, teletype, microwave and data transmission links. It is recognized that the department should serve to provide needed coordination between state agencies utilizing telecommunications services in such areas as engineering assistance, systems maintenance, frequency allocation, systems planning, and the purchase of services and equipment. The Advisory Committee on State Telecommunications is established to assist the Department of Finance and Administration in providing for the coordination of state telecommunications services.

§ 351. Committee membership; organization

The commissioners of the departments of Conservation; Finance and Administration; Inland Fisheries and Game; Marine Resources; Public Safety; and Transportation shall each designate a member of their departments to be a member of the Advisory Committee on State Telecommunications. The

Adjutant General shall designate a member of the Bureau of the Military and a member of the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness to be members of the committee. The Executive Director of the Maine Law Enforcement Planning and Assistance Agency or his designee shall be a member of the committee.

The designee of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration shall be the chairman of the committee. The committee shall meet at the call of the chairman or upon the request of a majority of the committee members. The committee shall meet at least quarterly.

§ 352. Duties

The Advisory Committee on State Telecommunications shall advise the Department of Finance and Administration in regard to the carrying out of the department's general administrative responsibilities for state telecommunications services. The committee shall advise and assist the department in providing for the coordination of engineering assistance, systems maintenance, frequency allocation, systems planning, and the purchase of services and equipment related to state telecommunications services.

STATEMENT OF FACT

State telecommunications services are significant in both their cost and importance to State Government. Such services do not easily lend themselves to centralized administration at this time, but do require coordination. This bill sets forth the general administrative responsibility of the Department of Finance and Administration for such services and establishes an Advisory Committee on State Telecommunications to assist the Department in carrying out its responsibility.

The legislation is the result of a study of state telecommunications services by the Joint Standing Committee on State Government of the 106th Legislature and is introduced in this Legislature pursuant to Rule 3 of the Joint Rules.