

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lewin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT** Authorizing the Capitol Planning Commission to Assume Certain  
Functions now Performed by the Bureau of Public Improvements.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 299, 1st ¶, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 458, § 1 and as last amended by PL 1973, c. 622, § 2, is further amended to read:

The ~~Bureau of Public Improvements~~ commission 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 maintaining the master plan, the ~~bureau~~ commission shall take the following factors into consideration:

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 300, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 458, § 1 and as amended by PL 1971, c. 615, § 14, is further amended to read:

§ 300. Advice and assistance to commission

The ~~Bureau of Public Improvements~~ commission may request the assistance and advice of any state agency in the development of the master plan. Any state agency receiving such a request shall render such assistance and advice to the ~~bureau~~ commission.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA § 301, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 458, § 1 and as amended by PL 1971, c. 615, § 14, is further amended to read:

§ 301. Cooperation with city officials

The ~~Bureau of Public Improvements~~ commission shall inform the City of Augusta of the master plan, and subsequent revisions thereof, and shall make

every effort to cooperate with appropriate city officials to the end that the development efforts of the State and the City of Augusta may be integrated and proceed without friction.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA § 302, 1st sentence**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 458, § 1 and as amended by PL 1971, c. 615, § 14, is further amended to read:

The ~~Bureau of Public Improvements~~ **commission** shall submit the completed plan to the Legislature for adoption as the official state master plan for the development of state buildings and grounds in the Capitol Area.

**Sec. 5. 5 MRSA § 304**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 458, § 1 and as last amended by PL 1973, c. 788, § 15, is further amended to read:

**§ 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 Council and the ~~Bureau of Public Improvements~~ **commission** of the proposals and plans for such projects.

**Sec. 5. 5 MRSA § 305**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 458, § 1 and as amended by PL 1971, c. 615, § 14, is further amended to read:

**§ 305. Report**

The ~~Bureau of Public Improvements~~ **commission** shall report biennially to the Legislature facts and recommendations relating to the work and needs of the ~~bureau~~ **commission**. The report shall list the construction projects initiated, completed and proposed during the next biennium in the Capitol Area since the last report. The ~~bureau~~ **commission** shall recommend such revisions of the plan as from time to time become necessary or desirable for the orderly development of the Capitol Area.

**Sec. 6. 5 MRSA § 306**, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 458, § 1 and as amended by PL 1971, c. 615, § 14, is further amended to read:

**§ 306. Contributions**

The ~~Bureau of Public Improvements~~ **commission** may accept gifts, bequests and federal funds for purposes consistent with the objectives of this chapter. Such gifts and bequests shall be used solely to carry out the purposes for which they were made.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill turns all of the functions presently performed by the Bureau of Public Improvements under the Capitol Planning Commission statutes over to the Capitol Planning Commission, with the one exception that the Bureau of Public Improvements will still act as the secretariat for the commission.