

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 914

S. P. 288

In Senate, March 16, 1977

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

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Collins of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT to Articulate the Line of Authority in Land Use and Environmental
Protection Programs.**

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

5 MRSA § 44, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 612, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph to read:

Each state agency charged by statute with responsibility for land use regulation or environmental protection or both, shall, as part of its report, include an organizational chart outlining the internal and external lines of authority for that agency. This chart shall include lines of authority to and from any pertinent federal, state, county or municipal agency. In addition, the specific rule-making, fact-finding and enforcement responsibilities shall be delineated for each level of government shown in the chart.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to articulate the line of authority in land use and environmental protection programs. Environmental legislation at the state level has been rendered ineffective by federal timetables, grant stipulations, rules, regulations and the like. An up-to-date view of the Maine Legislature's authority in this area is needed to permit Maine business to function with an overall knowledge of the administrative decision-making process.