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House of Representatives, January 11, 1978

The Committee on Agriculture suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24 and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Spencer of Standish

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Concerning Membership on the Food and Farmland Study Commission.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the First Regular Session of the 108th Legislature enacted P & S L 1977, c. 65, "An Act to Establish the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission," in order to protect the food production capability of the State and to encourage greater food and agricultural self-sufficiency; and

Whereas, it is vital to the commission that, in its deliberations, it have the assistance of the State Planning Office through membership of the Director of the State Planning Office on the commission; and

Whereas, it is the intent of this bill to place the Director of the State Planning Office on the commission immediately in order to enable the commission to properly carry on and complete its deliberations and recommendations by the beginning of the 109th Legislature; and

Whereas, in the judgement of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now, therefore,

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

§P & SL 1977, c. 65, § 3, 4th sentence, is amended to read:

The remaining 10 members shall include the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Commissioner of Conservation, the ~~State Tax Assessor~~ **Director of the State Planning Office**, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, the Vice-president for Research and Public Services at the University of Maine, the Dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture at the University of Maine, the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, the President of the Maine Association of Conservation Districts, or their respective designees, one member of the House of Representatives and one member of the Senate.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will put the Director of the State Planning Office on the Board of the Maine Food and Farmland Study Commission in place of the State Tax Assessor, in order to provide the commission with a much needed link to the expertise and assistance of the State Planning Office.