

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1294**

S. P. 423

In Senate, March 19, 1979

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

Presented by Senator McBreairty of Aroostook.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Clarify the Powers and Duties of the Office of Energy Resources.**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 5005, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 587, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:**

**A. Prepare a comprehensive energy resources plan to consist of the following 2 components:**

**(1) A description and quantification of the present supply, rates of use and energy needs of the State; a cost analysis of providing energy to meet the State's future needs; a description of the assumptions upon which the predictions and costs are based and the probability of error in the projections in the plan. These tasks shall be completed on an annual basis; and**

**(2) A description and quantification of the availability of various energy resources for the State. This assessment shall utilize the most current available data and include all resources that can potentially help meet Maine's energy needs. This task shall be accomplished on a biannual basis and public input shall be sought through a public hearing process determined by the Director of Energy Resources in accordance with provisions of Title 5, chapter 375. After public hearings have been held, the final copy of the plan shall be submitted to the Governor and Legislative Council to serve as a basis for legislative initiative;**

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 5005, sub-§ 1, ¶D, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 587, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**D. The Director of Energy Resources shall be responsible for collecting and analyzing energy data from all available energy sources in and outside the State. The director shall have the authority to afford confidential treatment to any materials or information turned over to him which is of a confidential or proprietary nature;**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the powers and duties of the Office of Energy Resources and to grant authority to the Director of Energy Resources to afford confidential treatment to data which is of a confidential or proprietary nature.