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No. 1433

H. P. 1140

House of Representatives, March 23, 1979

Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro, referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Sprowl of Hope.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Create a Department of Forestry.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 201, first 2 lines, as amended by PL 1973, c. 460, § 20, are repealed and the following enacted in their places:

CHAPTER 201

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA § 501, as amended by PL 1977, c. 360, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 501. Department of Forestry

There is hereby established the Department of Forestry, hereinafter in this chapter called the "department." The department shall be under the direction of the Commissioner of Forestry, appointed by the Governor subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and to confirmation by the Legislature, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Sec. 3. Organization. The Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with the assistance of the Commissioner of Forestry, shall prepare a

plan of organization of the department into such bureaus, divisions and sections as may be necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the department. The committee, with the assistance of the commissioner, shall prepare legislation to be presented, in final draft form, to the Second Regular Session of the 109th Legislature to amend, repeal and rearrange statutes to reflect this department's powers, responsibilities and organization.

Directors of bureaus shall be appointed by the commissioner and shall serve at his pleasure.

The commissioner shall prepare a budget for the department in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 149.

The commissioner and the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources may recommend the legislation for the transfer from or to another state department such functions as would appear to properly belong to the other department or to his department. The commissioner shall have no powers or duties relative to the proposed department except those listed in this section.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create a Department of Forestry.