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EMERGENCY
(Governor's Bill)
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 122

H. P. 76

House of Representatives, January 6, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kany of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Establish the Salary Range for the Director of the Office of Energy Resources.

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

Whereas, there is urgent need to enhance the operating ability of the Office of Energy Resources to provide a state energy plan and to operate a rapidly increasing number of programs; and

Whereas, in order to accomplish the strengthening of the Office of Energy Resources, it is necessary to recognize the importance of the position of director so as to maintain a proper relationship with other agencies of State Government and to be able to attract and retain the most competent leadership; and

Whereas, the present salary range is not commensurate with the responsibilities of the office; and

Whereas, in the judgment 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:

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 3, last ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 697, § 1, is amended to read:

Director, State Planning Office;

Director of the Office of Energy Resources.

Sec. 2. 2 MRSA § 6, sub-§ 6, 3rd ¶ from the end, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 489, § 2, is repealed as follows:

~~Director of the Office of Energy Resources;~~

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The position of Director of the Office of Energy Resources was created in 1974. At that time, the responsibilities of the director were far less than they are today. Since then, federal and state requirements have expanded substantially and the Office of Energy Resources has been required to operate a rapidly increasing number of programs. Therefore, the present salary range is no longer commensurate with the responsibilities of the office. This legislation provides for a salary range of 89 in recognition of the importance of the position of director and the need to be able to attract and retain the most competent leadership for that office.