

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 316

S. P. 145

In Senate, January 21, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

Cosponsors: Representative Baker, H. of Portland, Representative Davies of Orono and Representative Soulas of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide Collective Bargaining Rights to County Employees.

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

26 MRSA § 962, sub-§ 7, as amended by PL 1975, c. 9, is further amended to read:

7. **Public employer.** "Public employer" means any officer, board, commission, council, committee or other persons or body acting on behalf of any municipality or town or any subdivision thereof, or of any school, water, sewer or other district, or of the Maine Turnpike Authority, or of any county or any subdivisions thereof.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will further the declared public purpose of the State as set forth in Title 26, section 961, "to promote the improvement of the relationship between public employers and their employees."

This bill will promote the efficient operation of county government by insuring that the relationship between county employees and their employer is harmonious.

This bill will insure that county employees are granted the same rights as are now held by state employees, municipal employees and employees of the University of Maine and of the Maine Turnpike Authority.