

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1107

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7 H.P. 857

House of Representatives, March 8, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sent up for  
9 concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Curtis of Waldoboro.

Cosponsors: Representative Reeves of Pittston and Senator Carpenter of  
Aroostook.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Establish a Commission on  
18 Maine's Energy Future.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. Commission established. There is estab-  
23 lished a Commission on Maine's Energy Future, in this  
24 Act referred to as the commission.

25 Sec. 2. Membership; appointment. The commission  
26 shall consist of 21 members. The following 4 persons  
27 shall serve ex officio: The Director of the State  
28 Planning Office, the Director of the Office of Commu-  
29 nity Services, the Director of the Office of Energy  
30 Resources and the Chairman of the Public Utilities  
31 Commission. The House of Representatives and Senate  
32 majority and minority floor leaders shall each  
33 appoint one Legislator to the commission. These 4

1 legislative members shall appoint 12 public members,  
2 who shall be selected to represent a broad geographic  
3 distribution and the following specific interests:  
4 Three members who shall represent major Maine elec-  
5 tric public utilities, 3 members who shall have expe-  
6 rience with alternative energy resources, and members  
7 to represent business, labor, agriculture, marine  
8 resources, health care and forest management. The  
9 Governor shall appoint a public member who shall  
10 serve as chairman. Any membership vacancies shall be  
11 filled by the Governor.

12 **Sec. 3. Report.** The commission shall prepare a  
13 report for consideration by the Governor, the Legis-  
14 lature and the people of the State, which shall  
15 include recommendations dealing with securing suffi-  
16 cient energy resources until the year 2010. The  
17 report shall consider supply and conservation alter-  
18 natives, the likelihood of future energy supply dis-  
19 ruptions and the best methods to develop an adequate  
20 and secure energy supply. The report shall be submit-  
21 ted by November 1, 1987.

22 **Sec. 4. Administration; compensation.** The State  
23 Planning Office shall provide staff support to the  
24 commission and administer its functions. Members of  
25 the commission, except state employees, shall receive  
26 reimbursement for necessary actual expenses incurred  
27 in carrying out their duties.

28 **Sec. 5. Acceptance of funds.** The commission may  
29 accept funds from any agency of the United States,  
30 from any private foundation and from any other public  
31 or private sources for the purpose of carrying out  
32 this Act.

33 **Sec. 6. Appropriation.** The following funds are  
34 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
35 purposes of this Act.

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37 COMMISSION ON MAINE'S ENERGY FUTURE

38 All Other \$5,000

39 Any unexpended balance shall

1 not lapse, but shall be carried  
2 forward until December 31,  
3 1987.

4 STATEMENT OF FACT

5 While there is currently an abundance of avail-  
6 able petroleum supplies, the State is still heavily  
7 dependant on imported energy resources. Supply dis-  
8 ruptions have occurred in the past and may well occur  
9 again in the future. Now is the time to plan for  
10 orderly energy development and conservation.

11 This bill creates a commission similar to the  
12 Commission on Maine's Future. The commission will  
13 investigate energy supply options and methods of  
14 minimizing the impact of supply disruptions. The com-  
15 mission is required to submit its report by November  
16 1, 1987.

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