

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1231

H.P. 919 House of Representatives, April 10, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative COLES of Harpswell.
Cosponsored by Representatives MAYO of Thomaston, DIAMOND
of Bangor, and Senator ANDREWS of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Provide the State Environmental
2 Resources Volunteer Effort with a
3 Full-time Coordinator.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
8 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
9 of this Act.

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1987-88

1988-89

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CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT

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OF

1	Maine Conservation		
2	Corps		
3	Positions	(1)	(1)
4	Personal Services	\$22,604	\$30,139
5	All Other	2,250	3,000
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7	Total	<u>\$24,854</u>	<u>\$33,139</u>

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 In 1985 the Legislature established the State En-
10 vironmental Resources Volunteer Effort (SERVE/Maine)
11 as a program within the Maine Conservation Corps.
12 The purpose of SERVE/Maine is to encourage and assist
13 people in finding rewarding volunteer work with pub-
14 lic natural resource agencies, performing work to
15 benefit the public that would not otherwise be accom-
16 plished. That year 18 volunteers performed almost
17 2,000 hours of public service.

18 Early in 1986 a highly qualified volunteer began
19 coordinating the program and continued to build the
20 program on a full-time basis throughout the year.
21 During 1986, 350 volunteers performed more than 7,000
22 hours of work for participating public agencies.
23 This success can be almost entirely attributed to the
24 efforts of the full-time volunteer, who developed and
25 maintained administrative systems and a network of
26 communication and cooperation with numerous state and
27 federal natural resource agencies and with hundreds
28 of volunteer groups and individuals.

29 SERVE/Maine could substantially increase the num-
30 ber of volunteers and the hours and value of volun-
31 teer service for the benefit of the natural resources
32 and the public in Maine. To accomplish this will re-
33 quire the full-time attention and nurturing of some-
34 one coordinating the effort. The volunteer who de-
35 voted a year to the program is no longer available,
36 however, and without someone to manage it, the pro-
37 gram will wither.

38 This bill appropriates funds to enable the Maine

1 Conservation Corps to hire a full-time staff coordi-
2 nator of the SERVE/Maine program.

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