

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 Whereas, growth and development in Maine communi-
2 ties must be carefully planned to ensure that it oc-
3 curs in an orderly manner; and

4 Whereas, the State should assist municipalities
5 to properly plan growth; and

6 Whereas, a study of growth pressures in Maine
7 communities, its effects on those communities and
8 methods to better plan and manage growth is neces-
9 sary; and

10 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
11 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
12 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
13 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
14 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
15 therefore,

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

18 **Sec. 1. Commission on Growth Pressures in Maine**
19 **Communities.** There is established a Commission on
20 Growth Pressures in Maine Communities. The commis-
21 sion shall be composed of 14 members. The President
22 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each
23 appoint one member from each of the following joint
24 standing committees: Economic Development, State and
25 Local Government and Energy and Natural Resources.
26 The Governor shall appoint the following members: The
27 Director of the State Planning Office, the Director
28 of the State Development Office, the Commissioner of
29 Environmental Protection, 4 representatives of the
30 Regional Planning Commissions and 4 representatives
31 of the general public chosen to represent a broad
32 range of interests and geographic areas. The commis-
33 sion shall select a chairman from its membership.

34 The commission shall conduct a study of the rela-
35 tionship between the rapid growth in land use
36 pressures within the State and the tools and mecha-
37 nisms available for communities to manage that
38 growth.

1 Commission members, except those representing the
2 Executive Department, shall be reimbursed for all ex-
3 penses.

4 **Sec. 2. Staff support.** The commission may re-
5 quest staff assistance from the Legislative Council.
6 The commission may also request staff support from
7 the State Planning Office, the State Development Of-
8 fice and the Department of Environmental Protection.
9 These offices and the department shall provide as-
10 sistance if so requested. The Executive Director of
11 the Legislative Council shall provide assistance in
12 the administration of commission members' compensa-
13 tion and expenses, personnel payroll and benefits.

14 **Sec. 3. Report.** The commission shall report its
15 findings and recommendations to the Second Regular
16 Session of the 113th Legislature by February 15,
17 1988.

18 **Sec. 4. Appropriation.** The following funds are
19 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
20 purposes of this Act.

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23 Commission on Rapid
24 Growth Pressures in
25 Maine Communities

26	Personal Services	\$ 3,630
27	All Other	9,300

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29	Total	<u>\$12,930</u>

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
31 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
32 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 As stated in the emergency preamble, Maine commu-
3 nities are experiencing tremendous, rapid growth that
4 has the potential to jeopardize Maine's quality of
5 life. This bill establishes a Commission on Growth
6 Pressures in Maine Communities to review the tools
7 and mechanism available to towns to manage this
8 growth to their advantage.

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