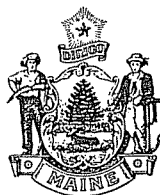


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House of Representatives, February 23, 1990

Reported by Representative COLES for the Commission on Maine's Future pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60 and Resolve 1989, chapter 3.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Provide for a Decennial Commission on Maine's Future.



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

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§78-A is enacted to read:

<u>78-A. State</u>	<u>Decennial Legisla-</u>	<u>5 MRSA</u>
<u>Planning</u>	<u>Commission tive per</u>	<u>§15151</u>
	<u>on Maine's diem and</u>	
	<u>Future expenses</u>	

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 405 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 405

DECENNIAL COMMISSION ON MAINE'S FUTURE

§15151. Decennial Commission on Maine's Future

1. Decennial Commission on Maine's Future established. The Decennial Commission on Maine's Future, established in section 12004-I, subsection 78-A, convenes in January 1994 and every 10 years thereafter.

2. Commission membership; chair. The commission consists of the following 26 members:

A. Six members appointed by the President of the Senate, not more than 2 of whom may be a Legislator, and not more than 2 of whom may be employed by the State;

B. Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, not more than 2 of whom may be a Legislator, and not more than 2 of whom may be employed by the State;

C. Twelve members appointed by the Governor, not more than 2 of whom may be a Legislator, and not more than 2 of whom may be employed by the State; and

D. Two members, who shall serve as the chair and vice-chair, appointed by the other 24 commission members.

3. Appointments; meetings. All appointments must be made no later than January 15th in each year that the commission is convened. The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Governor shall notify the Legislative Council when their selections have been made. The Chair of the Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the commission, at which time the commission may appoint the 13th and final commission member. The commission members serve terms to expire 6 months after the submission of their final report, to enable the commission to advise the Legislature with

2 respect to the proposals and to follow the implementation of the
proposals of the commission.

4 4. Duties of the commission. The duties of the commission
are to prepare for consideration by the Governor, the Legislature
6 and the people of the State:

8 A. A proposed growth and development policy for the State
and step-by-step recommendations concerning means to most
10 effectively implement the policy;

12 B. Reports assembling, analyzing and projecting relevant
information regarding the future of the State, including,
14 but not limited to:

16 (1) Statewide and regional demographic information on
growth, interstate and intrastate migration patterns,
18 age distribution and dependency ratios as factors in
the cultural, social and economic life of the State; and

20 (2) Availability of various natural resources,
including energy, and an analysis of their importance
22 to, and effect upon, the cultural, social and economic
24 life of the State;

26 C. An examination of long-range plans by state departments
and agencies, including the University of Maine System, and
28 an assessment of the possible impact on state growth and
development;

30 D. Reports on the implications of major state decisions;

32 E. Analyses of current forces and trends in Maine life,
estimations of the future effects of these forces and
34 trends, and recommendations on methods to mitigate, avoid or
encourage various effects;

38 F. An assessment of the long-term goals and guiding
principles for the future of the State, as expressed by the
40 previously convened commission, and recommendations of any
necessary changes to that vision; and

42 G. An evaluation of the capacity of government and private
institutions in the State to anticipate and react to the
44 forces and trends affecting Maine's future, and
recommendations to enhance that capacity.

48 In the performance of its duties, the commission may hold
public hearings and conferences with any person, persons,
50 organizations or governmental agencies concerned with
Maine's future. The commission is to be provided
52 information, reports or other assistance from any agency.

2 department, legislative committee or other instrumentality
3 of the State, with the consent of the head of the respective
4 organization. State agencies shall, on request, assist the
5 commission in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

6 5. Report. The commission shall submit its final report to
7 the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the
8 Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government
9 matters no later than 18 months after the commission has
10 convened. The final report must contain any necessary
11 implementing legislation.

12 6. Staff assistance. Prior to the convening of the
13 commission, the State Planning Office shall coordinate the
14 preparation of quantifiable measures of change and forecasts
15 related to the environment, economy, people and government of
16 this State. Upon the convening of the commission, the State
17 Planning Office shall staff the commission to conduct research,
18 prepare reports and draft legislation for the commission.

19 7. Reimbursement. The members of the commission who are
20 Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as
21 defined in Title 3, section 2, for days of attendance at
22 commission meetings. All members of the commission who are not
23 state employees receive expenses, as defined in section 12002,
24 upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative
25 Council for those expenses.

30 FISCAL NOTE

31 Enactment of this legislation will require General Fund
32 appropriations in fiscal year 1993-94 and fiscal year 1994-95 to
33 fund the activities of the Decennial Commission on Maine's
34 Future. The necessary appropriations for these activities should
35 be requested from the First Regular Session of the 116th
36 Legislature in 1993. The cost to the State Planning Office of
37 providing staff assistance to the commission cannot be determined
38 at this time.

40 STATEMENT OF FACT

41 This is one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the
42 Commission on Maine's Future. This bill establishes the
43 Decennial Commission on Maine's Future, which will convene every
44 10 years following the publication of each decennial census. The
45 commission will review and recommend changes to the "Maine
46 Vision," analyze forces and trends in Maine life, estimate the
47 future effects of those forces and trends, and recommend actions
48 to mitigate, avoid or encourage those various effects. The
49 commission will also review the capacity of government and
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2 private institutions in Maine to anticipate and react to the forces and trends affecting Maine's future, and to recommend actions to enhance that capacity.