

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRISON of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator VOSE of Washington and Representative CLARK of Millinocket.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**Resolve, to Establish the State Comprehensive Energy Plan Commission.**

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2           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the State  
Comprehensive Energy Plan Commission is established; and be it  
further

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6           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission  
consists of the following 15 members: 3 Senators, appointed by  
the President of the Senate, one of whom must be a member of the  
8 minority party; 3 members of the House of Representatives to be  
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of  
10 whom must be a member of the minority party; the Director of the  
State Planning Office; the Chair of the Public Utilities  
12 Commission; the Public Advocate; the Commissioner of Economic and  
Community Development; and the Commissioner of Environmental  
14 Protection. Additional members, to be appointed by the Governor,  
include one member representing an environmental organization,  
16 one member representing a utility company, one member  
representing a nonutility electric generator and one member  
18 representing a nongenerator business interest. The Director of  
the State Planning Office shall serve as chair of the commission;  
20 and be it further

22           **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all  
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
24 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the  
Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing  
26 authorities once the selections have been made. The Director of  
the State Planning Office shall call the first meeting of the  
28 commission; and be it further

30           **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall develop a  
state comprehensive energy plan. The plan must include:

32           1. An assessment of the future demand for energy in the  
34 State under a variety of scenarios regarding energy prices and  
anticipated conservation and cogeneration;

36           2. A study of the various options available to the State to  
38 meet growing energy needs, including, but not limited to,  
conservation, cogeneration, small power production, purchases  
40 from Canada and utility-sponsored generation. This study should  
examine for each option its predicted price, reliability and  
42 environmental impact within the State;

44           3. An analysis of the State's energy situation in the  
context of regional power arrangements and agreements;

46           4. An examination of the existing transmission capacities  
48 within this State and the rest of New England, including  
availability, pricing, accessibility and reliability. This  
50 examination should identify transmission bottlenecks and suggest  
strategies and policies to address them; and  
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2 5. Recommendations to the Governor and to the Legislature  
based on the findings of the commission; and be it further

4 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit  
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,  
6 to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature and the  
Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council by  
8 February 1, 1992; and be it further

10 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the State Planning  
Office shall staff the commission. The commission may request  
12 additional staff assistance from state agencies represented on  
the commission; and be it further

14 **Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the  
16 commission who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative  
per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,  
18 section 2, for days of attendance at commission meetings. All  
members of the commission who are not state employees are  
20 entitled to expenses, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,  
Title 5, section 12002, upon application to the Executive  
22 Director of the Legislative Council for those expenses; and be it  
further

24 **Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
26 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
this resolve.

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30 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

32 **State Planning Office**

34	Personal Services	\$26,500
	All Other	4,200
36	Capital Expenditures	2,500

38 Provides funds for a 9-month Senior Planner  
40 position on a project basis to staff the  
State Comprehensive Energy Plan Commission.

42 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**  
44 **TOTAL**

\$33,200

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48 **State Comprehensive Energy  
Plan Commission**

50	Personal Services	\$2,640
	All Other	6,000

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2 Provides funds for the per  
diem, travel and related  
4 expenses of the State  
Comprehensive Energy Plan  
Commission.

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TOTAL

\$8,640

10 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$41,840

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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16 This resolve establishes the State Comprehensive Energy Plan  
Commission to study the various options to meet the growing  
18 energy needs in the State and to develop a comprehensive energy  
plan for the State.