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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LAWRENCE of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Senator ESTES of York, Representative HICHENS of Eliot and Representative OTT of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Regarding a Piscataqua River Basin Council.

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

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Sec. 1. Council established. The Piscataqua River Basin Council, referred to in this Act as "the council," is established. The council is charged with working with a similar council established by the State of New Hampshire. The council shall address river traffic, pollution, wetlands preservation, waterfront development and other issues that affect water resources within the Piscataqua River basin and its surrounding tributaries. The council may address problems of common concern and interests to the river and bay communities with the goal of giving advice and making recommendations to the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Members. The council is composed of the following:

1. Three members of the House of Representatives, who must be from the affected regions, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
2. Two members of the Senate, who must be from the affected regions, appointed by the President of the Senate;
3. One person who represents the commercial fishing industry, appointed by the Governor;
4. One person who represents the seacoast business community, appointed by the Governor; and
5. Three persons from the Maine seacoast area, who represent the towns of Elliot, Kittery and South Berwick appointed by municipal officers of those towns.

Sec. 3. Duties. The council shall review the conditions of the Piscataqua River and develop recommendations for actions to improve the future of this river and of the residents of the affected area. The members of the council shall also hold at least one public hearing in a municipality on the Piscataqua River in this State to gather the concerns and recommendations of the citizens of this State on the present and future conditions of the Piscataqua River and its surrounding tributaries.

Sec. 4. Meetings; compensation. The members of the council shall choose a chair from among the council members. The members of the council serve without compensation except that legislative members are entitled to receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the council. The first member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall call the first meeting within 30 days of the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 5. Contingency. This Act takes effect if similar legislation is enacted in New Hampshire.

