

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 138

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the causes of floods and over-flows of rivers and water courses, and storage water, and to make recommendations for preventing floods and for storing water, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. The governor is authorized to appoint within
2 thirty days after the passage of this act three citizens of the
3 State, who, together with the forest commissioner and the
4 attorney general, shall constitute a commission to be known
5 as the water storage commission.

Sect. 2. The water storage commissioners herein provided
2 for, shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties,

3 take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and file
4 the same in the office of the secretary of State.

The forest commissioner and attorney general shall serve
6 without pay, but they shall be paid their necessary expenses,
7 incurred in the performance of their duties.

The three commissioners appointed by the governor shall be
9 paid so much per diem, the amount to be fixed by the gover-
10 nor and council, for the time actually employed in the service
11 of the commission. They shall also be allowed their actual
12 and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their
13 duties.

The office of said commission shall be at the capitol, in the
15 city of Augusta.

The said board may appoint a secretary, who shall be paid
17 a salary not to exceed twelve hundred dollars per year.

The board may employ such engineers and surveyors and
19 other assistants as may be found advisable, and the compensa-
20 tion of persons so employed shall be paid from the moneys
21 herein provided.

Sect. 3. The commissioners when so appointed, shall pro-
2 ceed at once to make such surveys and investigations as may
3 be proper to determine the causes of the over-flow of the
4 various rivers and water courses of the State, and the best
5 method of storing the surplus water of the various rivers and
6 water courses, and to determine what, if anything, can be
7 done to prevent floods and freshets and to devise the best
8 means of conserving the surplus water of the various rivers
9 and water courses.

Sect. 4. The commission shall report in writing to the
2 legislature, on or before the first Wednesday of January,
3 1905, and file in the office of the State land agent, all maps,
4 plans, and surveys, and transmit to the legislature with its
5 report, such recommendations as it may have to make, and
6 from and after such date, said commission shall cease to
7 exist.

Sect. 5. The sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars,
2 or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appro-
3 priated from any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise
4 appropriated, for the purposes of said commission.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 18, 1903.

Tabled pending reference in concurrence to Committee on Interior Waters, by Mr. DREW of Portland, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*