

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 206

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE providing for the Topographic and Geological Survey for the years 1903 and 1904 and for extending its work to include Hydrography.

Resolved, That the Topographic Survey Commission be
2 and hereby is authorized to arrange with the director of the
3 United States Geological Survey to enlarge the scope of its
4 work and to include topography, hydrography and geology
5 in its contract with the general government whereby the
6 United States Geological Survey shall expend in the prosecu-
7 tion of the survey an amount equal to that expended by this
8 State; that the chairman of said commission shall be paid an
9 annual salary of three hundred dollars and the remaining
10 members, each, two hundred dollars, and the chairman be

11 designated State Geologist; and that there be and hereby is
12 appropriated for the work of said commission, including all
13 expenses, the sum of five thousand dollars for the year 1903
14 and a like sum for the year 1904.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The work of mapping the State is now well under way. This is fundamental and essential to the proper development of the natural resources of the State.

The next important problems are the measurement of the flow of water in the streams for an exact determination of their water power; the location of suitable reservoir sites for the storage of water for manufacturing and other purposes, and the investigation and mapping of geological and mineral deposits.

The accompanying resolve provides for the prosecution of this work in the most efficient and economical manner. The general government, under the supervision of the Survey Commission, does the work, makes the results available and pays one-half the cost. This is the plan adopted in other states where such work is being done.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 13, 1903.

Reported by Mr. BURNS from Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.