

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 197

In Senate, Feb. 25, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Conference.

Presented by Mr. Cole of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT to establish the State of Maine Immigration and
Publicity Commission.

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

Section 1. The State of Maine Immigration and Publicity
2 Commission is hereby created and established. Said com-
3 mission shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed
4 by the governor, by and with the consent of the council, and
5 shall hold office for five years unless sooner removed for
6 cause, except in the case of the first commissioners appointed
7 under this act. The governor shall designate as chairman
8 the member first appointed for a term of five years and there-
9 after one member of the commission shall be appointed and
10 designated as chairman. In the case of the first commis-

11 sioners appointed under this act, one shall hold office for five
12 years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two
13 years and one for one year. The commissioners shall serve
14 without pay, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses
15 incurred in the performance of the duties of their office.

The commission shall have an office in the state capitol
17 building and shall keep it open for the transaction of busi-
18 ness each business day.

Sect. 2. The commission shall employ an executive secre-
2 tary, who shall be paid two thousand five hundred dollars
3 per year and shall receive actual expenses incurred in travel-
4 ing or otherwise representing the commission and state.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the commission to collect,
2 carry on file and disseminate statistics and all possible in-
3 formation as to the industrial, agricultural, maritime, resort
4 and power resources and opportunities and advantages of
5 the state, its counties, cities, towns and plantations. A de-
6 scriptive booklet shall be compiled, printed and circulated,
7 which shall contain half-tone engravings, descriptions, statis-
8 tics and general information treating of the summer resorts,
9 hotels, woods camps, lakes, streams, sea shore, beaches, moun-
10 tains, industrial opportunities, mercantile opportunities, agri-
11 cultural resources, railway and other transportation facilities
12 and social advantages.

Sect. 4. The commission shall cause to be inserted in
2 standard publications, newspapers, trade papers and other
3 recognized advertising mediums, advertisements telling of

4 said resorts, opportunities and advantages. Such advertise-
5 ments shall be especially planned to induce home-seekers to
6 settle within the borders of the state, adopt abandoned farms
7 and develop its resources; and seekers after recreation, rest
8 and recuperation, to visit its summer camps, hotels and cot-
9 tages. They shall contain an offer to supply advice, infor-
10 mation and descriptive matter to anyone who may apply and
11 shall be signed by the secretary for the commission.

Sect. 5. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby
2 appropriated for the year one thousand nine hundred and
3 fifteen and twenty-five thousand dollars for the year one
4 thousand nine hundred and sixteen, from which shall be
5 paid the salary, office expenses and other expenses of the
6 secretary, the expenses of the commission, clerk hire, adver-
7 tising, and all other expenses incident to the proper execu-
8 tion of the various duties described in this act.

Sect. 6. The commission shall prepare and properly show,
2 under the direction of a custodian, an exhibit of Maine's
3 resources, opportunities and advantages, at every national
4 exhibition, fair or show, where such exhibit can be of benefit
5 to Maine.