

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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## HOUSE

## NO. 727

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*House of Representatives, April 2, 1917.*

*On motion of Mr. Bartlett of Portland received out of order, on further motion same gentleman tabled action by House. Assigned Tuesday, April 3. Five hundred copies ordered printed.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Barnes of Houlton.*

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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RESOLVE relating to the conservation of the storage reservoirs and water powers of the State of Maine.

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*Resolved*, the Senate concurring, it is the opinion of the  
2 Seventy-eighth Legislature of Maine, now in session, that  
3 the storage reservoirs and basins in this State should be  
4 conserved in some manner for the benefit of the people and  
5 the industries of the State and that no steps should be taken  
6 that will discourage capital from continuing old industries  
7 or establishing new ones in this State, or that will make it

8 more difficult for the people of the State to be supplied with  
9 light and power; And

That it is the opinion of the Legislature that steps should  
2 be taken to determine what rights of ownership, if any, the  
3 State has in storage reservoirs and basins and in water pow-  
4 ers; And

That the State should not part with its rights in any water  
2 power or storage reservoir or basin, except after investiga-  
3 tion and report by some competent authority acting for it;  
4 And

In pursuance of the foregoing, the Public Utilities Com-  
2 mission is hereby directed and ordered to make a careful  
3 and thorough investigation of both the developed and un-  
4 developed water powers and of the water storage reser-  
5 voirs and basins of this State, showing what rights remain  
6 to the State therein, and what are the possibilities of de-  
7 velopment and the probable cost of the same; And

The said Commission is hereby directed and ordered to  
2 take up and continue the work begun by the State Water  
3 Storage Commission which was created by Chapter two  
4 hundred twelve of the Laws of Maine for nineteen hundred  
5 nine; And

The said Commission is further directed to make a full  
2 report with such recommendations as it may deem advis-  
3 able, to the next Legislature; And

It is further ordered that the sum of five (\$5000) thou-  
2 sand dollars is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen

3 hundred seventeen and the sum of five (\$5000) thousand  
4 dollars for the year nineteen hundred eighteen, to be used  
5 by the said Public Utilities Commission in carrying out the  
6 purposes of this Resolution.