

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 371

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*In Senate, March 21, 1917.*

*Reported by Mr. Boynton from Committee on Agriculture  
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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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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AN ACT to amend section one of chapter thirty-four of the  
Revised Statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, relative  
to the State Department of Agriculture.

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

Section one of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following words:

“The commissioner of agriculture may, with the approval  
2 of the governor and council, appoint a deputy commissioner  
3 of agriculture, who shall be the chief of one of the depart-  
4 ment bureaus in the department of agriculture and shall

5 perform the duties of the commissioner of agriculture dur-  
6 ing his absence, in addition to his duties as chief of a de-  
7 partment bureau. The deputy commissioner shall hold office  
8 during the term of office of the commissioner or until his  
9 successor is appointed, and his compensation and expenses  
10 shall be paid from any funds appropriated for the use of  
11 the department bureau of which he is chief,' so that said sec-  
12 tion as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 1. A state department of agriculture shall be  
2 maintained for the improvement of agriculture and the ad-  
3 vancement of the interests of husbandry. A commissioner  
4 of agriculture shall be elected biennially by the legislature  
5 by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in con-  
6 vention and shall hold his office for the term of two years  
7 and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall  
8 give bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars to the state,  
9 with sufficient sureties, or with a surety company author-  
10 ized to do business in the state, as surety, to be approved  
11 by the treasurer of state, conditioned to faithfully account  
12 for all moneys received and disbursed by him as said com-  
13 missioner.

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This act shall take effect when approved.