

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 111

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In Senate, Feb. 25, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Gurney of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend section one of chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to Causes Determined by the Public Utilities Commission.

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

Section one of chapter 55 of the revised statutes is hereby  
2 amended by inserting in the fourteenth line of said section  
3 after the word "report", the words 'which report shall be  
4 printed each year and shall contain such matter as the com-  
5 mission determines is of public interest. There shall also  
6 each year be printed, either in its report or in a separate  
7 volume, such of the decisions and orders of the commission

8 as it determines are of public interest.' So that said section  
9 as amended shall read as follows :

'Section 1. The public utilities commission as heretofore  
2 established, shall consist of three members appointed by the  
3 governor, with the advice and consent of the council, from  
4 time to time upon the expiration of the terms of the several  
5 members, for terms of seven years ; any vacancy occurring  
6 in said commission shall be filled by appointment for the  
7 unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy occurs.  
8 One member of the commission shall be designated by the  
9 governor as chairman. The commission shall adopt and  
10 have a seal and be provided with an office at the state house  
11 in which its records shall be kept. Under the direction of  
12 the governor and council the commission may expend such  
13 sums of money as may be necessary for the purchase of  
14 books, maps, stationery, office furniture and supplies, for  
15 procuring statistics and information and for defraying ex-  
16 penses incidental to the discharge of its duties ; a statement  
17 of such expenses shall accompany its annual report, which  
18 report shall be printed each year and shall contain such  
19 matter as the commission determines is of public interest.  
20 There shall also each year be printed, either in its report or  
21 in a separate volume, such of the decisions and orders of the  
22 commission as it determines are of public interest. The  
23 commission shall appoint a clerk and an assistant clerk, also  
24 a chief inspector of utilities, who shall be a practical railroad  
25 man and shall perform such duties as the commission may

26 require. The clerk shall keep a full and minute record of  
27 the proceedings of the commission which shall be open to  
28 public inspection at all times. The assistant clerk shall  
29 assist the clerk in the performance of his duties, and in the  
30 absence of the clerk shall have the same powers as the  
31 clerk. The commission shall have custody and control of  
32 all records, maps and papers pertaining to the offices of the  
33 former board of railroad commissioners and the former state  
34 water storage commission.'