

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 245

House of Representatives, March 8, 1921.

Referred to Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation and 1,000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Viles of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Establish Game Preserves or Sanctuaries in the
State of Maine.

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

For the purpose of establishing game preserves, or sanctuaries for wild life in this state, the commissioner of inland fisheries and game, on petition of twenty-five or more interested citizens of the state, including a majority of the property owners and ownership effected, after due notice and hearing, may set apart and designate certain territory, or tracts of land, in any or all of the counties of this state as game preserves in which it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, pursue, catch or kill any wild

10 birds or inland fish and game for a series of years, not ex-
11 ceeding ten, if he deems it for the best interest of the state
12 so to do. Provided, however, that the land and waters to
13 be affected do not exceed ten per cent. of the area of each
14 county where such sanctuaries, or preserves, are so desig-
15 nated. Provided, further, that during said period, or any
16 renewal thereof, by said commissioner, it shall be unlawful
17 to have in possession any wild birds or inland fish and game
18 taken, caught or killed in violation of this section, and all
19 offenses under this act shall be punishable by the same pen-
20 alties as are imposed therefor during other closed seasons.

And provided further that said commissioner after due
2 notice and hearing may make such modifications effecting the
3 taking of birds, fish and game on said preserves as he may
4 deem for the best interests of the state so to do.