

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 199**

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In Senate, April 1, 1921.

Tabled by Mr. Thombs and 500 copies ordered printed.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Gould of Aroostook.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Establish the Commission of Foreign and  
Domestic Commerce.

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

Section 1. The governor shall appoint five persons who  
2 shall constitute a board to be known as the commission  
3 on foreign and domestic commerce. The members of the  
4 board first appointed shall hold office until the thirty-first  
5 day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, nineteen  
6 hundred and twenty-three, nineteen hundred and twenty-  
7 four, nineteen hundred and twenty-five and nineteen hun-  
8 dred and twenty-six. The governor shall annually on or  
9 before the fifteenth day of January, appoint one member  
10 of said board whose term of office shall be five years. The  
11 governor shall annually, on or before the first day of Feb-

12 ruary, designate a member of said board to be its chair-  
13 man for the year beginning February first. The members  
14 of the board shall serve without compensation. Subject  
15 to the approval of the governor and council the board may  
16 secure a proper office at some place in New England, and  
17 may appoint a secretary and fix his compensation. The  
18 board may also appoint such clerks and experts as it may  
19 require, subject to the approval of the governor and council.

Sect. 2. The board shall take such measures as it may  
2 deem suitable to develop and increase the foreign and do-  
3 mestic commerce of this state, and shall cooperate with  
4 any similar public bodies or officials in any movement to  
5 develop and increase such commerce. The board, on be-  
6 half of the state, may accept contributions, and subject to  
7 the approval of the governor and council, may expend the  
8 same and also such sums as may be appropriated by the  
9 legislature, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions  
10 of this act.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect from passage.