

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Norwood of Warren.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Creating the Maine Power Authority and Defining  
Its Duties.

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

Section 1. The Maine Power Authority is hereby created  
2 as a body corporate and politic, having the powers and  
3 jurisdiction hereinafter enumerated. It shall consist of  
4 three trustees to be appointed by the governor for terms of  
5 two, four and six years respectively, and thereafter for  
6 terms of six years each. The trustees shall elect their own  
7 chairman; they shall be entitled to their necessary expenses.

Sect. 2. The Authority is hereby vested with title to all  
2 the power resources available for the generation of hydro-

3 electric energy in or upon the Saint John river and inland  
4 streams and waterways now owned by the state. Such  
5 resources shall include all undeveloped water powers on  
6 these rivers, streams and waterways to which the state has  
7 any right, title or interest by reason of its ownership of  
8 the beds or banks thereof or otherwise.

Sect. 3. These power resources and the sites, works and  
2 improvements established or undertaken in the development  
3 of these resources shall always remain under the ownership  
4 and control of the Authority for the benefit of the people  
5 of the state and shall not be sold but may be leased to any  
6 person or private corporation.

Sect. 4. The Authority shall have full power to develop  
2 these resources for the generation of hydro-electric energy  
3 and for the sale and distribution of such energy in the  
4 interest of the people of the state; but the powers granted  
5 under this section shall not be exercised by the Authority  
6 until the legislature shall have approved the plan for the  
7 development of the state's power resources as hereinafter  
8 provided.

Sect. 5. The Authority shall make a comprehensive power  
2 survey, and, on or before January fifteenth, nineteen hun-  
3 dred and twenty-seven, shall submit to the governor and the  
4 legislature a plan for the generation of hydro-electric en-  
5 ergy and its distribution, with an estimate of the cost of  
6 such development.

Sect. 6. The Authority is empowered to represent the

2 state in negotiations with the United States government,  
3 the province of New Brunswick and the Dominion of  
4 Canada, to determine and settle the rights of ownership  
5 upon the Saint John river, such determination and settle-  
6 ment to be approved by the legislature.