

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to a State Geologist.

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

Section 1. The governor shall appoint a state geologist to
2 serve for a term of two years.

Sect. 2. The duties of the state geologist shall be to in-
2 vestigate the mineral resources of the state of Maine, de-
3 veloped and undeveloped; to promote and direct research
4 in the possibilities for the commercial development of min-
5 eral deposits; to collect and compile data on Maine geology,
6 including mineral specimens; to assist any department of
7 state which shall request his assistance; to recommend legis-

8 lation suitable for stimulating the business of mining; and
9 to do such other things as may be necessary in the proper
10 performance of the foregoing duties.

Sect. 3. All data and information secured by the state
2 geologist in examination of any mineral deposit or geologi-
3 cal formation shall be disclosed forthwith to the owner of
4 the land examined, together with information and recom-
5 mendations regarding the possibilities for commercial de-
6 velopment, with special reference to Maine persons and
7 enterprises interested; and such information shall not be
8 given by the state geologist to any other person during one
9 week following the disclosure to the owner of the land.

Sect. 4. The state geologist shall report annually to the
2 governor and council regarding his activities for the preced-
3 ing year. The report shall contain a description of all lands
4 and properties examined, with particular reference to the
5 possibilities for profitable development and the problems of
6 operation, including the name and address of the owner,
7 distance from improved roads, distance from railroad ship-
8 ping points; also specific recommendations for action by the
9 legislature to encourage search for and development of
10 mineral deposits; and such other data as may appear to have
11 practical value. The report shall be printed and sent free
12 to owners of lands described therein, to all known operators
13 of mines and quarries within the state, to all departments
14 of state, and to members of the legislature; also to all public
15 libraries and to high schools, academies, and colleges within

16 the state; and to any other persons upon payment of a
17 reasonable charge covering the cost of the report.

Sect. 5. The state geologist may establish his headquar-
2 ters at the University of Maine. The trustees of the Uni-
3 versity of Maine may employ the state geologist as a mem-
4 ber of the faculty and assign to him duties connected with
5 teaching and educational research in geology and kindred
6 subjects.

Sect. 6. For the purposes of this act there is hereby ap-
2 propriated the sum of two thousand dollars for the fiscal
3 year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred and thirty, and
4 the sum of two thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending
5 June thirty, nineteen hundred and thirty-one. This money
6 shall be held in the state treasury at the disposal of the
7 state geologist for such purposes as the governor and coun-
8 cil may approve.