

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 212

S. P. 535

In Senate, Feb. 21, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Revision of Statutes and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Oakes of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Chapter One Hundred and Forty-seven,
Revised Statutes, Relating to the Department of Public
Welfare.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred forty-seven
2 of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, as
3 amended by chapter fourteen, nineteen hundred and twenty-
4 five, and chapter forty-eight, nineteen hundred and twenty-
5 seven, is hereby further amended by inserting the words,
6 'and council,' after the word, "governor," in the thirteenth
7 line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 1. The commissioners of the department of pub-

2 lic welfare shall consist of five persons, at least one of whom
3 shall be a woman, appointed by the governor, with the ad-
4 vice and consent of the council, for terms of five years
5 (upon the expiration of the terms of the present members).
6 Any vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled in like
7 manner for the remainder of the unexpired term. They are
8 designated in this chapter as the "commission" or the "de-
9 partment." The commission shall be non-partisan politi-
10 cally. Regular meetings of the commission shall be held
11 quarterly, or oftener, if required, and a suitable room shall
12 be provided in the state house for its use. The commission
13 shall elect from their number a president, who shall hold
14 office for such term as shall be fixed by the commission,
15 shall appoint a secretary and agents, all subject to approval
16 and removal by the governor and council, and make such
17 rules and orders for the regulation of its proceedings as it
18 may deem necessary. All rules and regulations governing
19 the administration of state institutions must be approved by
20 the commission and no superintendent, agent, or other un-
21 der-official shall have any discretionary power to change
22 such rules and regulations.'

Sect. 2. Section two of chapter one hundred forty-seven
2 of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, as
3 amended by chapter eighty, nineteen hundred and seven-
4 teen, is hereby further amended by striking out the words,
5 "not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars," in the ninth
6 line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 2. The commission shall appoint a secretary, not of
2 their own number, who shall have been a resident of the
3 state for at least five years, and shall be qualified by special
4 knowledge and experience in charitable, correctional, and
5 institutional work; he shall receive for his services, in addi-
6 tion to his traveling and other necessary expenses, such
7 salary as may be determined by law. The accounts of
8 such secretary for his traveling and other necessary ex-
9 penses shall be approved by the commission, audited by the
10 state auditor and, together with the salary of such secretary,
11 shall be paid out of the state treasury upon certificate of the
12 state auditor.’