

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Feb. 3, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Aeronautics and Radio Control and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Biddle of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Creating a Temporary Commission to Study the Needs and Requirements of Aviation and Its Development and Initiate a State System of Weather Observation Service and Making an Appropriation Therefor.

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

Section 1. A temporary state commission is hereby created, consisting of two senators, to be appointed by the president of the senate, three members of the house to be appointed by the speaker of the house, for the purposes of this act. Such commission shall make a comprehensive study of the needs and requirements of the state of Maine, its municipalities and other sub-divisions of government with respect to aviation and its development, and shall recommend to the legislature such measures as it may find desirable and expedient in relation thereto. Such commission shall choose from its members a chairman and a vice-chairman and may employ such assistants and fix their compensation within the amount appropriated for this act as it may deem necessary to aid this work. The members of such commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed their necessary traveling and hotel expenses. Such commission is hereby authorized to sit and hold hearings both within and without the state, within the United States, and may take testimony,

supoena witnesses and require the production of books, records and papers, and otherwise have all the powers of a legislative committee under the legislative law.

Sect. 2. The commission may also install and equip, and provide for the operation and maintenance of, including personal service, weather observation bureaus within the state, and provide for the dissemination of, by telegraph, telephone, radio, messenger, mail, bulletins and otherwise, of weather observations made at or reported to such stations and other similar stations within the state. The power and duties of the commission under the provision of this section, shall continue during the life of the commission as fixed by the time for making its report under the next section or by any extension by law of such time or of the life of the commission.

Sect. 3. Such a commission shall make a report to the legislature on or before March fifteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, and shall include in such report such proposed laws and amendments to existing laws as it may deem necessary to carry its recommendations into effect and also a statement of its acts and proceedings under section two hereof.

Sect. 4. The sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby appropriated for expenses of such commission in carrying out the provisions of this act payable from the state treasury on the audit and warrant of the state treasurer on the certificate of the chairman of such commission.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect immediately.