

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 747

H. P. 1711

House of Representatives, March 12, 1935.

On motion of Mr. Tupper of Calais read and referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lebel of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

Joint Order Creating State Insurance Fund Commission.

Whereas, it is the duty and intention of the legislature to keep the expenditures of the state within its income, and

Whereas, it appears that some \$40,000 a year might be saved by the setting up of an adequate system of self-insurance for the state, and

Whereas, several states now having such systems report satisfactory operation and substantial savings, now therefore, be it

Ordered, the Senate concurring, that:

A non-salaried interim commission is hereby created to be known as the state insurance fund commission, composed of 5 members, one from the senate appointed by the president and two from the house appointed by the speaker. The other two members of the commission shall be the state insurance commissioner and the revisor of statutes.

The duty of the commission shall be to study the possibilities and soundness of setting up a state insurance reserve fund against which state property could be insured, as an economy measure. The commission shall include in the scope of its survey the various self-insurance plans of other states and shall collect data on the financial possibilities. It shall investi-

gate the availability of an adequate loan from the federal government or some private agency for the purpose of setting up the reserve fund.

If upon completion of its survey the commission finds the self-insurance plan to be practical and sound it shall, with the advice and assistance of the attorney general, prepare any acts as in its opinion will create an adequate state reserve insurance fund for the protection of the state and provide as well for the protection of said fund from being diverted to any use other than that for which it is created. The commission shall also prepare comparative figures based on previous expenditures by the state for insurance of state property, showing an estimate of how long it would take to liquidate the necessary loan out of the yearly savings realized under the self-insurance plan.

The commission shall prepare its report in printed form for the members of the 88th legislature and transmit same to them not later than the second week in the session of 1937. The commission shall serve without pay, except that the three appointed members shall receive a per diem of \$5 for time actually spent and their necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, same to be charged together with all other necessary expenses of the commission to legislative expense.

All departments of the state having some relation to the subject studied under the provisions of this order are hereby directed to cooperate with the commission herein created at all times and all available existing state facilities such as office space and supplies, secretarial help et cetera shall be employed as far as possible so as to keep the expenses of the commission at a minimum.