

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE**

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**AN ACT Relating to State Planning and Development.**

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

**Sec. 1. (a) Maine state planning board; creation; organization; appointment.** The Maine state planning board, hereinafter called the board, is hereby created and established, consisting of 5 members, no more than 3 of whom shall be of the same political party, to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall designate one of the members of said board as chairman. The members shall hold office for 4 years, except that the original appointments shall be, one for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, and two for 4 years, and 3 members shall constitute a quorum. The board shall keep permanent and complete records of its proceedings, meetings, hearings, orders and decisions, and shall be supplied with an office in the state capitol or other state office building. The board shall appoint a state planning engineer upon terms fixed from time to time, by the board, subject to the approval of the governor and council. The state planning engineer, under the direction and control of the board, shall have charge of the office and records, and shall employ, with the approval of the board, such technical, professional, clerical, and other assistants and consultants as may be required.

(b) **Maintenance.** The personnel of the staff is to be maintained by funds from federal agencies.

**Sec. 2. Duties of the board.** It shall be the duty of the board

(a) to cooperate with federal, regional, state, municipal and other public agencies, on such public works and work relief projects as are related to the physical, social and economic welfare of the state;

(b) to prepare general plans and reports, through research and study, for the orderly and comprehensive development of the resources of Maine, and to submit, upon request, such plans and reports, with conclusions and recommendations, to the governor and council; and

(c) to prepare and keep current, biennially, a public works program of major state improvements in cooperation with state, regional, or federal agencies for promoting planning and the timing of public works in the state, and to submit a report to the governor and council upon request.

**Sec. 3. Cooperation of state departments.** All public officials shall, upon request, make available to the board within a reasonable time such information as may be required by the board in the performance of its duties.

**Sec. 4. Distribution and sale.** The Maine state planning board is authorized to publish for distribution and sale, reports, charts, surveys or other documents prepared by the board, the proceeds from such sales to be used and expended for operating expenses of the board.

**Sec. 5. Validity.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this act is held unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act.