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Legislative Document

No. 391

S. P. 255

In Senate, February 9, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Goudy of Cumberland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Appointment of Commissioners; Tenure of Office; Vacancies; Clerks and Their Duties; Chief Inspector of Utilities; Office and Equipment.**

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

**R. S., c. 62, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 62 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Appointment of commissioners; tenure of office; vacancies; clerks and their duties; chief inspector of utilities; office and equipment.** The public utilities commission as heretofore established, shall consist of 3 members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, from time to time upon the expiration of the terms of the several members, for terms of 7 years. Any vacancy occurring in said commission shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term in which such vacancy occurs. One member of the commission shall be designated by the governor as chairman. The commission shall adopt and have a seal and be provided with an office at the state house in which its records shall be kept. Under the direction of the governor and council the commission may expend such sums of money as may be necessary for the purchase of books, maps, stationery, office furniture, and supplies,

for procuring statistics and information and for defraying expenses incidental to the discharge of its duties. A statement of such expenses shall accompany its annual report. The commission shall appoint a clerk and an assistant clerk, also a chief inspector of utilities, who shall be a practical railroad man and shall perform such duties as the commission may require. The clerk shall keep a full and minute record of the proceedings of the commission which shall be open to public inspection at all times. The assistant clerk shall assist the clerk in the performance of his duties, and in the absence of the clerk shall have the same powers as the clerk. **The clerk shall have authority to certify to all official acts of the commission, administer oaths, issue subpoenas, and issue all processes, notices, orders or other documents necessary to the performance of the duties of the commission.** The commission shall have custody and control of all records, maps, and papers pertaining to the offices of the former board of railroad commissioners and the former state water storage commission.'