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Legislative Document

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H. P. 1471

House of Representatives, February 16, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent up for concurrence and 1000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Findlen of Fort Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide for Cooperation by the State of Maine with Other States and with the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States in Order to Promote the Conservation and Profitable Use of Agricultural Land Resources.

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

Sec. 1. Policy of state to cooperate with other states and the United States. The state of Maine adopts the policy of cooperating with the governments and agencies of other states and of the United States in carrying out the policy and purposes specified in section 7 (a) of an act of the congress of the United States entitled "Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act" (public No. 46-74th congress, approved by the president of the United States April 27, 1935, as amended by public No. 461-74th congress, approved February 29, 1936.)

Sec. 2. University of Maine authorized as state agency; powers and duties. In order to effectuate such policy the University of Maine is hereby authorized and empowered: (1) to formulate, pursuant to the standards therefor set forth in section 7 (a) of said act of congress, agricultural plans for this state for each calendar year, commencing with

the year 1938, and from time to time to make such revisions in such state agricultural plans as may be necessary to conform to such standards; (2) to utilize, in formulating and revising such state agricultural plans, the assistance of the Agricultural Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station; (3) to provide in such plans for their administration by the University of Maine, which is hereby designated and authorized as the state agency of the state of Maine to administer such state agricultural plans; (4) to submit such state agricultural plans to the secretary of agriculture of the United States, prior to such time and in such manner and form as the secretary may prescribe; (5) to receive on behalf of the state of Maine any grants made pursuant to section 7 of said Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, and to utilize and expend such grants in accordance with the provisions of such state agricultural plans as may have been approved by said secretary of agriculture; (6) to make provision for establishment of state, county and community committees or associations of agricultural producers, organized for such purpose, and for participation by them in the administration of such state agricultural plans, and to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary or expedient for the effective administration of such plans; (7) to utilize in the administration of the provisions hereof available services and assistance of other state agencies of this state and of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Maine; (8) to exercise such powers and authorities as may be necessary or proper to the performance of its duties and functions hereunder; (9) to provide for the submission to said secretary of agriculture of such reports as may be deemed requisite, including such reports as may be required to ascertain whether such state agricultural plans are being carried out according to their terms, and to assure the correctness of and make possible verification of such reports; and (10) to submit to the governor of the state of Maine an annual report for each year covering the administration and operation of such program.