

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 16, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Maine Publicity. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stilphen of Dresden by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Amend an Act Relating to State Planning and Development.

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

P. L., 1935, c. 191, amended. Chapter 191 of the public laws of 1935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. 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,~~ **1, 2 and 3 years,** and 2 for 4 years, and 3 members shall constitute a quorum. **Each member shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. The members shall serve without pay but may receive compensation for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.** The board shall keep permanent and complete records of its proceedings, meetings, hearings, orders and decisions. 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, as director who shall be qualified by special training and experience in the field of city, town, regional or state planning, and who 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.

The salaries of the members of the board, the compensation of the personnel of its staff and the entire expense of maintaining the board and its activities shall be paid from funds from federal agencies. sum of \$ is hereby annually appropriated for the biennial period for the use and support of said board. The board may accept grants of money or services from federal or state governments or other agencies. All unexpended balances remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried over to the fund herein appropriated to be expended during the succeeding year for the purposes provided in this act.'

'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, to advise and cooperate with national, regional, town, municipal and other local planning, housing and zoning agencies within the state for the purpose of coordinating state and local plans;~~

(b) to prepare general plans and reports, through ~~inventory~~, research and study, for the orderly ~~and comprehensive~~ development and better use of the resources of Maine, and to submit, upon request, such plans and reports, with conclusions and recommendations, to the governor and council; ~~and departments of state and federal government upon request.~~

(c) to prepare and keep current, biennially, a public works program of major state improvements in cooperation with state, regional, ~~or~~ and 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.

(d) To confer and cooperate with the executive, legislative, planning, housing or zoning authorities of neighboring states for the purpose of mutual development.

(e) to assist in planning the better distribution of population and industry.

(f) to coordinate the activities of all governmental agencies.

(g) to act as a state agency on interstate compacts for the development and improvement of waterways and in whatever fields compacts are used.'

Sec. ¶ 3. Distribution and sale. The Maine state planning board ~~is authorized to publish without expense to the state of Maine for distribution and sale,~~ may sell maps, reports, charts, surveys or other documents prepared by ~~the board~~ it in connection with its work at such prices and on such conditions as it may determine, and the proceeds credited to its account.'

Sec. ¶ 4. Validity. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase validity of the remaining portions of this act.
of this act is held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the