

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sanborn of Cumberland.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Establish an Unpaid Commission to Facilitate the Cooperation
of this State with Other States.**

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

Sec. 1. Maine commission on interstate cooperation, established.

There is hereby established the Maine commission on interstate cooperation. The commission shall be composed of 9 regular members; namely, 3 state officials to be appointed by the governor, 3 members of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate, and 3 members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall be ex-officio members of the commission.

Sec. 2. Tenure of office. The members appointed by the governor shall hold office as members of the commission so long as they shall continue to hold the respective state offices by virtue of which they shall have been appointed. The members appointed from the senate shall hold office as members of the commission so long as they shall continue without interruption to be members of the senate, and the members appointed from the house of representatives shall continue to hold office as members of the commission so long as they shall continue without interruption to be members of the house of representatives.

Sec. 3. Organization and procedure. The commission shall organize by the choice of one of its members to be its chairman and of one of its members to be its secretary. The commission may enact such rules governing its procedure and the conduct of its affairs not inconsistent with law as it may see fit.

Sec. 4. Functions of the commission. It shall be the function of this commission:

(1) To carry forward the participation of this state as a member of the Council of State Governments.

(2) To encourage and assist the legislative, executive, administrative and judicial officials and employees of this state to develop and maintain friendly contact by correspondence, by conference, and otherwise, with officials and employees of the other states, of the federal government, and of local units of government.

(3) To endeavor to advance cooperation between this state and other units of government whenever it seems advisable to do so by formulating proposals for, and by facilitating:

(a) The adoption of compacts,

(b) The enactment of uniform or reciprocal statutes,

(c) The adoption of uniform or reciprocal administrative rules and regulations,

(d) The informal cooperation of governmental offices with one another,

(e) The personal cooperation of governmental officials and employees with one another, individually,

(f) The interchange and clearance of research and information, and

(g) Any other suitable process.

(4) In short, to do all such acts as will, in the opinion of this commission, enable this state to do its part in forming a more perfect union among the various governments in the United States and in developing the council of state governments for that purpose.

Sec. 5. Commission to form certain committees. The commission shall have power to establish such delegations and committees as it deems advisable (whose members may or may not be made up from the members of the commission, from state officials, or from private citizens), such delegations or committees to be charged with the duty of conferring and formulating proposals concerning effective means to secure interstate harmony,

and of performing such other functions for the commission as it may from time to time require.

Sec. 6. Reports; to serve without compensation. The commission shall report to the governor within 15 days after the convening of each regular legislative session, which report shall be transmitted by the governor to the legislature, and it may report to the governor at such other times as it deems appropriate. Its members and the members of all delegations and committees which it establishes shall serve without compensation for such service.

Sec. 7. Other states to be notified. The secretary of state shall forthwith communicate the text of this measure to the governors of the several states of the union.