

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1226**

H. P. 2259

House of Representatives, May 24, 1940.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Farwell of Unity.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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**RESOLVE, Providing for a Research Committee to Study the  
Administration of State Affairs.**

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Whereas, recent happenings in connection with the administration of the prudential and financial affairs of the state may demand an immediate analysis necessary in order that changes may be made by the Legislature to correct these conditions, and

Whereas, unless this bill becomes immediately effective the committee appointed under its provisions will be unable to function with sufficient time to make recommendations to this Special Session or to the next regular session of the Legislature, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of article XXXI of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the provisions of the public peace, health and safety, now therefore

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

**Sec. 1.** That there be and hereby is created a Legislative research committee to consist of 3 members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and 7 members of the House of Representatives, to be

appointed by the Speaker of the House, which committee shall be known as the "Committee on Administrative Code". Said committee shall meet soon as convenient after the appointment and qualification of its members, and organize by electing a chairman and secretary. Said committee shall study and consider the practical working of the administrative code and of those departments or agencies of the state government included within its provisions, and of all other departments and agencies of the state government not now operating under the statutes relative thereto, with a view to recommending such changes in the statutes creating the administrative code and providing for the operation of the other departments of the state as may be necessary to improve administration of the affairs of the State of Maine, and shall draft and present with its report such amendments to the present existing statutes as shall, in the judgment of the committee, be necessary or advisable, and said committee shall make a full and complete report to this special session or to the next regular session of the Legislature, or it may file its report with the Clerk of the House during any recess of this special session. The committee shall be furnished an office in the state house in Augusta, and the members thereof shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses only; the said expenses shall be approved by the Governor and Council. The committee is authorized to employ such expert assistants as it may deem desirable, provided that all of the expenses of the committee incurred therefore, shall not exceed the sum of \$3,000, payable from the general funds of the state.

**Sec. 2. Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved.