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S. P. 326

In Senate, February 11, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture. Sent down for concurrence and 650 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the **Commissioner of Agriculture.**

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

**R. S., c. 39, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. State department of agriculture; appointment of commissioner; bond.** A state department of agriculture shall be maintained for the improvement of agriculture and the advancement of the interests of husbandry. A commissioner of agriculture shall be ~~elected by the legislature by joint ballot of the senators and representatives in convention~~ **appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council**, and shall hold his office for the term of four years and until his successor is ~~elected~~ **appointed** and qualified. He shall give bond in the sum of \$10,000 to the state, with sufficient sureties, or with a surety company authorized to do business in the state, as surety, to be approved by the treasurer of state, conditioned to faithfully account for all moneys received and disbursed by him as said commissioner. The commissioner of agriculture may, with the approval of the governor and council, appoint a deputy commissioner of agriculture, who shall be the chief of one of the department bureaus in the department of agriculture, and shall perform the duties of the commissioner of agricul-

ture during his absence, in addition to his duties as chief of a department bureau. The deputy commissioner shall hold office during the term of office of the commissioner or until his successor is appointed, and his compensation and expenses shall be paid from any funds appropriated for the use of the department bureau of which he is chief. ~~When the office of commissioner of agriculture shall become vacant by reason of the death, resignation, removal, or inability to serve of the regularly elected incumbent of the office, the governor shall appoint a commissioner of agriculture to serve until the election of his successor, as provided by law, and his qualification.'~~