

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 294

In Senate, February 13, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Morrill of Cumberland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**RESOLVE, Providing for a Special Interim Commission for the Study of Growing Wood and Timber and Measures to Conserve and Increase the Forest and Water Resources of the State.**

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**Special interim commission; appointment. Resolved:** That the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby authorized and directed to appoint 9 competent persons to constitute a commission for the study and analysis of public measures to assure greater productivity of the territory comprising the watershed of the Saco river and the lands drained by Lake Sebago; and be it further

**Resolved:** That said commission shall also make a study of the necessity of the state taking means to prevent wasteful methods in the cutting of forest growth on private lands in this portion of the state, in order to conserve the forest and water resources.

Also the desirability of a location for a state forest production laboratory and lands to be used for state experimental work on reforestation and state recreation grounds.

Said commission shall, as far as practical, be so composed as to give due representation to the different counties which comprise the territory above referred to, namely Cumberland, York and Oxford counties, and the different classes of interest, primarily the conservationist, the small

woodland owner, the industrialists, the timber operator, and the general public.

Said commission shall have the power to purchase supplies and to employ clerical and stenographic assistance, with the approval of the governor and council and within the limits of the appropriations hereinafter provided.

The commission shall request the state forest commissioner to advise and assist it in securing basic data that may be required for its study and shall pay, from the appropriation hereinafter provided, for any additional field or office assistance which the forest commissioner may be required to employ to comply with the request of the interim commission. The sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, is hereby appropriated for the interim commission hereby constituted and the state controller is authorized to draw his warrants for the sums hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The members of such commission shall serve without salary but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses on official business.

Such commission shall make a report of its studies, with any legislation it deems necessary, to the 93rd legislature.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

In order to preserve the natural resources of the state it is necessary that a study be made so that proper conservation may be adopted.