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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1281

H. P. 1098

House of Representatives, March 10, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Welfare, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Latno of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Placing Indians Under Jurisdiction of Governor and Council.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 322, repealed. Section 322 of chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 25, §§ 321-A - 321-C, additional. Chapter 25 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding three new sections to be numbered 321-A, 321-B and 321-C, to read as follows:

'Sec. 321-A. Agents, appointment and tenure. Agents for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, and hold their office during the pleasure of the Governor and Council.

Sec. 321-B. Vacancies. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, but there shall never be more than 3 agents for each tribe.

Sec. 321-C. Bond of agents; duties. Such agents shall give bond to the State, with sureties or with a surety company authorized to do business in the State, as surety, to the satisfaction of the Governor and Council, for the faithful discharge of their duties, and have the care and management of the property belonging to the tribes for their benefit; each of said agents shall at least once in 6 months visit each Indian reservation within his agency limits where Indians reside, and incorporate into his annual report the dates of such visits and the condition in which he found the Indians on each reservation at each visit.'

Sec. 3. Intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that all duties and powers given to the Commissioner of Health and Welfare relating to Indians shall be transferred to the Governor and Council who may delegate such duties and powers to the Indian Agents.