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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1289

S. P. 458

In Senate, March 15, 1955.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent down for concurrence and 1000 copies ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Low of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Duties of Water Improvement Commission.

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

R. S., c. 79, § 1, amended. The fifth paragraph of section 1 of chapter 79 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

'It shall be the duty of the Commission to study, investigate the existing conditions, request from each and every municipality, individual, partnership, corporation or other entity for the period under review, a report, showing the reduction, if any, of sewage, industrial waste and other substances and materials discharged into any river, waters and coastal flats within the State, together with information covering the steps being taken in research, manufacture and methods to reduce and eliminate the discharge and to restore the rivers, waters and coastal flats to reasonable standards of quality and use. The Commission shall from time to time, recommend to the persons responsible for the conditions, ways and means, so far as practicable and consistent with the public interest, of controlling the pollution of the rivers, waters and coastal flats of the State by the deposit therein or thereon of municipal sewage, industrial waste and other substances and materials in so far as the same are detrimental to the public health or to animal, fish or aquatic life, or to the practicable and beneficial use of said rivers, waters and coastal flats. The Commission shall report the progress made in elimination and diminution of discharge of sewage, individual waste and other substances and materials and make recommendations to each subsequent legislature with respect to the classification of the rivers, waters and coastal flats and sections thereof with the State, based upon reasonable standards of quality and use. In its reports to the Legislature the Commission shall list by name those responsible for water pollution together with the progress made by them in eliminating such pollution.'