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In Senate, March 13, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Reed of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Organization and Duties of Maine Mining Bureau.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 39-A, § 1, repealed and replaced. Section 1 of chapter 39-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 409 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'**Sec. 1. Mining Bureau established.** The Mining Bureau, as heretofore established, shall consist of 5 members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. Of the members so appointed, one shall have a term of one year, 2 shall have a term of 2 years and 2 shall have a term of 3 years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for terms of 3 years. Each shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. They shall be compensated for their services, the amount to be determined by the Governor and Council. They shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. It is the intent of the Legislature that each shall have knowledge of and interest in minerals or mining. The Commissioner of Forestry and the State Geologist shall make themselves available as consultants to the Bureau. The Bureau shall organize itself with a Chairman, and a secretary who shall keep the records of their doings and such other data as may be useful. The jurisdiction of the Bureau shall be confined to land owned or held in trust by the State and all other services to which any portion of this chapter applies.'

Sec. 2. Study and appropriation. In addition to its other duties, the Bureau shall during the calendar years 1957 and 1958, study or cause a study to be made, of all phases of the mineral and mining situation and other matters which pertain or may pertain to it, with the view of presenting to the 99th Legislature

recommendations for revision of the mining laws of the State. There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 for this purpose. This appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this act have been accomplished.