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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Providing for a State Committee on Natural Resources.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., 79-B, additional. The Revised Statutes are amended by adding thereto a new chapter 79-B, to read as follows:

'Chapter 79-B.

State Committee on Natural Resources.

Sec. 1. State Committee on Natural Resources created. There is created a State Committee on Natural Resources, whose membership shall consist of the Commissioners of the Departments of Agriculture, Inland Fisheries and Game, Forestry, Sea and Shore Fisheries, Economic Development, Public Utilities, State Parks, Water Improvement or such person as said commissioners may respectively designate, and 8 members-at-large, representative of the resources industries and the public in general. The members-at-large shall be appointed by the Governor for a period of 4 years, except that the initial appointments shall be 2 for one year, 2 for 2 years, 2 for 3 years and 2 for 4 years. The members-at-large shall represent the following interests: the manufacture of pulp and paper; the manufacture of other wood products other than pulp and paper; the general field of practicing agriculture; marine fisheries; public utilities; fish and wildlife; recreation and mining. The members-at-large shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Governor shall appoint from the membership of the committee a chairman, who shall serve an annual term or until his

successor has been duly appointed. The committee may appoint from the staff of any member state agency a technical secretary. The committee shall adopt by-laws and rules of procedure to guide its activities.

Sec. 2. Purposes. It is the purpose of this committee to provide improved facilities and procedures for the coordination of the policies, programs and activities of the several state agencies, private persons or entities in the field of natural resources, and to study, investigate, evaluate and plan for the coordinated development, conservation and use of the same; to provide means by which conflicts in resource use may be resolved; and to provide procedures for the evaluation and coordination of the interests of all public and private agencies, persons and entities in the field of natural resources; and to suggest and recommend organization and methods to achieve the above purposes. The committee is authorized to confer and otherwise cooperate with other agencies and organizations within the State, in other states and in the Federal Government. The committee shall meet, subject to call of the chairman, but not less than 9 times in each year.

The chairman of the committee shall automatically become the Maine representative to the Northeastern Resources Committee or any subsequent committee formed in the Northeast or New England for the purpose of coordinating resources activities.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the State the sum of \$2,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and \$2,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961 to carry out the purposes of this act.