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Chapter 212.

An Act to create a State Water Storage Commission.

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

State water storage commission, appointment and membership.

Section 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is authorized to appoint three citizens of the state, who, together with the governor and the state land agent, shall constitute a commission to be known as the state water storage commission, of which the governor shall be chairman. As members of said commission, they shall receive no salaries but shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, and may employ a competent engineer. The office of the commission shall be at the state house in the city of Augusta. The commission may appoint a secretary who shall be paid a salary not to exceed six hundred dollars per annum, who shall work in conjunction with the land agent.

—location of office.

—may appoint secretary.

Duties of commission.

Section 2. The commission shall proceed at once to collect information relating to the water powers of the state, the flow of rivers and their drainage area, the location, nature and size of the lakes and ponds in the state and their respective value and capacity as storage reservoirs, and such other hydrographic data as they may deem of value in devising the best methods for the improvement of the natural storage basins of the state, and the creation of new storage reservoirs, with a view to conserving and increasing the capacity of the water powers of the state.

Shall work in conjunction with state survey commission and U. S. geological survey.

Section 3. The commission shall, so far as possible, work in conjunction with the state survey commission, and with such state survey commission join with the United States geological survey in making a topographical survey of the state in so far as it relates to the collection of data bearing on the water powers and water storage reservoirs of the state. The state survey commission shall place at the disposal of the state water storage commission all information, and copies of reports, maps and plans collected by them and bearing on the hydrography of the state.

Plans shall be filed with commission of any proposed dam, or improvement of water storage basin, etc.

Section 4. Every person, firm or corporation before commencing the erection of a dam for the purpose of developing any water power in this state, or the creation or improvement of a water storage basin or reservoir for the purpose of controlling the waters of any of the lakes or rivers of the state, shall file with said commission for its information and use copies of plans for the construction of any such dam or stor-

age basin or reservoir, and a statement giving the location, height and nature of the proposed dam and appurtenant structures and the estimated power to be developed thereby, and in case a dam is to be constructed solely for the purpose of water storage and not for the development of a water power at its site, plans and statements shall be filed with the commission showing the extent of the land to be flowed, the estimated number of cubic feet of water that may be stored and the estimated effect upon the flow of the stream or streams to be affected thereby. Every person, firm or corporation shall, as soon as practical, after this act takes effect, file similar plans, reports and estimates in relation to any dam or storage basin or reservoir then in process of construction by them.

Section 5. The commission shall present to the legislature on or before the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eleven, a report showing the progress made in its investigations, and, if practicable, shall complete its investigations to such an extent before January first, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eleven, as will enable it to present in its report a comprehensive and practical plan for the improvement and creation of such water storage basins and reservoirs as will tend to develop and conserve the water powers of the state. The commission shall also report so far as its investigation will permit on the present development of the water powers in the state with reference to the general plan proposed so that the legislature may have before it a comprehensive summary of the possibilities that lie in the development of the water powers in the state, as a natural resource and the necessary steps that should be taken by the state to further increase and conserve them.

Shall present report to the legislature.

—contents of report.

Section 6. So far as any proposed plan devised by the commission for the improvement and increase of water storage basins or reservoirs shall include the construction of a dam or dams upon or at the head waters of any river or water course, the commission shall ascertain and report as nearly as may be the water storage capacity in cubic feet of the reservoir to be created, the recorded rainfall on the water shed above such proposed dam, and the maximum, minimum and average flow of water per second in cubic feet during each month in the year in said river or water course. They shall as nearly as practicable estimate the increased power that would be developed by such proposed dam in the rivers or streams to be affected thereby.

Shall ascertain and report water storage capacity.

—recorded rainfall.

—flow of water.

—estimate increased power.

Section 8. The commission shall ascertain what townships or parts of townships of land can be purchased by the state

Shall ascertain what land can be

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purchased
by state,
and at what
cost.

Appropriation.

and the cost thereof, with all the necessary data for a correct understanding of their value as a forest reserve or for conserving the water powers of the state, or for reforestation, and shall further investigate the question of denuded, burnt over or barren lands in the state, their extent and value with a view to their purchase by the state for reforestation.

Section 9. The sum of five thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and nine and five thousand dollars for the year nineteen hundred and ten, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any fund in the treasury of the state, not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this act.

Approved April 2, 1909.

Chapter 213.

An Act to amend Section two of Chapter one hundred and fifty-nine of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and five, relating to the compensation of certain State Officers.

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

Section 2,
chapter 159,
public laws,
1905,
amended.

Section two of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five is hereby amended by substituting for the word "twelve" in the sixth line of said section the word 'fifteen,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Salary of
insurance
commissioner.
—postage,
clerk hire
and ex-
penses.
—salary of
deputy in-
surance
commis-
sioner.

'Section 2. The insurance commissioner shall receive an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars. The governor and council may allow such reasonable sum for postage, clerk hire, and actual expenses incurred in the proper enforcement of the laws relating to insurance, as they deem proper. The deputy insurance commissioner shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars.'

Approved April 2, 1909.

Chapter 214.

An Act to amend Section seventeen of Chapter thirty of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Sale of Poisons.

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

Section 17,
chapter 30,
R. S.,
amended.

Section seventeen of chapter thirty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "acid" in the ninth line thereof the words 'cocaine, heroin, alpha or beta eucaine, or cannabis indica,' also by inserting after the word