

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

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AND

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

December 9, 1981

AND

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AND AT THE

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

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AND AT THE

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Augusta, Maine
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RESOLVES
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AS PASSED AT THE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
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State Planning Office to report findings. Resolved: That the State Planning Office shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government by the end of April, 1983; and be it further

Joint standing committee to review findings. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government shall review the findings and recommend any appropriate legislation to the First or Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature for its consideration.

Effective July 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 67

S.P. 981 - L.D. 2140

RESOLVE, to Establish a Commercial Whitewater Study Commission.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, serious environmental degradation of Maine's rafting rivers shall occur if permits for rafting are not limited; and

Whereas, the increased number of whitewater rafters creates serious safety problems; and

Whereas, this limit must be enacted and enforced immediately prior to the upcoming season so that a review of the level of activity these rivers may sustain can be made; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Study commission created. Resolved: That there is established a commission to study commercial whitewater rafting on the Penobscot and Kennebec Rivers,

referred to in this resolve as the commission; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved: That the commission shall consist of 10 members, as follows: The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or his designee; the Commissioner of Conservation or his designee; 2 Senators and 2 public members appointed by the President of the Senate; and 2 Representatives and 2 public members appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it further

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall:

1. Determine the size of the present commercial whitewater rafting industry and study potential future growth of this industry;

2. Determine the social, safety, economic and environmental impact of the commercial whitewater rafting industry in Maine, based on the present and potential size of the industry, and identify actual or potential conflicts with other uses of rivers, including fishing, camping and canoeing;

3. Determine the carrying capacity of the Penobscot and Kennebec Rivers to support commercial whitewater rafting without undue adverse social, economic, environmental or aesthetic impact, and methods to maintain the industry within this carrying capacity; and

4. Make any other studies and evaluations necessary to fully assess the impact and adequacy of current regulations governing the commercial whitewater rafting industry; and be it further

Sec. 4. Reports. Resolved: That the commission shall present its findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 5. Assistance. Resolved: That the Office of Legislative Assistants shall provide assistance to the commission in carrying out its charge; and be it further

Sec. 6. Acceptance and expenditure of funds. Resolved: That the commission may accept funds from any agency of the United States or from any other public or private source, and may use these funds and any other funds appropriated to the commission to hire personnel, contract services or for other purposes necessary to carry out this resolve.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

Effective April 16, 1982.

CHAPTER 68

H.P. 1922 - L.D. 1904

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Maine Forest Service to Convey by Bid Sale of the State's Interest in Certain Real Estate in the Maine Forestry District and to Use the Proceeds for Energy-saving Improvements to Other Existing Fire Control Buildings.

Director of the Maine Forest Service to convey buildings and land by bid sale. Resolved: That the Director, Maine Forest Service, is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in certain real estate in the Maine Forestry District as enumerated in this resolve, such sale to be made by sealed bid to the highest bidder for each property enumerated herein.

The director is authorized to retain the proceeds from the sale for the purposes of making energy-saving improvements in other fire control facilities in the Maine Forestry District.

Real estate to be sold:

1. Katahdin Iron Works camp and storehouse

Location: Katahdin Iron Works Township, T6 R9 NWP

- A. Ranger camp
Date of construction: 1935
Size: 530 square feet
- B. Storehouse
Date of construction: 1935
Size: 336 square feet