
Accompanying the first recommendation of the Department of Natural Resources (House, No. 33). State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT TO CREATE A BUREAU OF PLANNING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The General Laws are hereby amended by adding to
2 chapter 21, section 1, a new subsection 8 and subsection
3 9, as follows:—

4 *Subsection 8.* There shall be in the department of
5 natural resources a bureau of planning, called such, under
6 the direction of the commissioner, who shall, subject to
7 the approval of the board of natural resources, appoint
8 a chief of planning, who shall be qualified by training
9 and experience to administer the duties of his office.
10 The term of such appointment shall be five years and
11 the position shall be outside the provisions of chapter
12 thirty-one. The bureau may employ such clerks and
13 temporary technical advisers as its work may require,
14 and all costs and expenses of said bureau shall be met
15 in the manner provided in section four of chapter one
16 hundred and thirty-two A of the General Laws.

17 *Subsection 9.* It shall be the function and duty of the
18 bureau to (a) make surveys, investigations and reports,
19 including plans with maps and layouts for the protec-
20 tion, conservation, control, use and development of the
21 natural resources for which the department is responsible;
22 (b) co-operate and confer with other executive, legisla-

23 tive and planning authorities of this state and other
24 states and the federal government on said natural re-
25 sources and related matters; (c) convey recommenda-
26 tions for legislation and plans to the executive, legisla-
27 tive, planning and zoning authorities of the state and
28 federal agencies; (d) participate in the planning of all
29 projects concerning said natural resources and related
30 matters wherein federal or state appropriations may pay
31 all or a part of the cost; (e) submit to the budget com-
32 missioner annually estimates of the financial needs of the
33 bureau to carry out its functions and purposes.