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S.P. 510

In Senate, March 25, 2025

An Act Regarding Eligibility for Historic Preservation Bond Proceeds

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales and
Senators: GROHOSKI of Hancock, RAFFERTY of York, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin,
Representatives: FREDERICKS of Sanford, HASENFUS of Readfield, LEMELIN of Chelsea,
MALON of Biddeford, MORRIS of Turner.

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §505, sub-§2, ¶D, as amended by PL 2023, c. 9, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) The historic property that is the subject of the grant application must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places as authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 ~~or~~ have been nominated to the register by the commission or have been designated as a historic property by a municipal historic preservation ordinance.

Sec. 2. Eligibility for historic preservation bond proceeds. No later than November 30, 2025, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission shall adopt rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 27, section 504, subsection 2-A regarding the disbursement of bond proceeds authorized by Public Law 2023, chapter 653 to establish a process for properties in the State that are not on the National Register of Historic Places but have been designated as historic properties by municipal historic preservation ordinances to receive funding through the bond proceeds.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the eligibility requirements for grants through the Maine Historic Preservation Commission for the preservation and restoration of historic properties to allow eligibility for properties that have been designated as historic properties by municipal historic preservation ordinances. The bill also directs the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to adopt rules regarding the disbursement of bond proceeds authorized by Public Law 2023, chapter 653 to establish a process for properties in the State that are not on the National Register of Historic Places but have been designated as historic properties by municipal historic preservation ordinances to receive funding through the bond proceeds.