

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER

PROVIDING FOR MAINE'S PARTICIPATION IN
THE PROGRAMS OF THE
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, several recent national reports and a public television documentary have emphasized the need for increased attention to the preservation of historical records; and

WHEREAS, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is a federal entity whose purpose is to "encourage a greater effort by private organizations and government to preserve and make available for use those records that further an understanding and appreciation of American history"; and

WHEREAS, the NHPRC is the source of preservation and publications grants totaling \$6 million in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Maine is the only state in the United States that has not created the framework to participate in these programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR, Governor of the State of Maine, direct the establishment of the Maine Historical Records Advisory Board and the Maine Historical Records Coordinator as provided in this Executive Order.

A. Maine Historical Records Advisory Board

Purpose and Functions:

The purpose of the Board is to provide advice for state projects and records planning, and to make funding recommendations to the National Historical and Records Publications Commission.

Membership:

The Board shall consist of at least seven and not more than eleven members. The Governor shall appoint all of the members, the majority of which shall have experience in the administration of historical records or in a field of research or activity which makes extensive use of historical records. The Director of the Maine State Historical Society and the Maine State Archivist shall be members.

Terms of Membership:

All members, with the exception of the Coordinator, shall serve three-year terms.

Meetings:

The Board shall, upon at least fourteen days notice, meet upon the call of the Chair. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Compensation:


Members of the Board shall serve without compensation. All legally allowed expenditures the members incur in the performance of their duties may, if possible, be reimbursed by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

B. Maine Historical Records Coordinator

The function of the Maine Historical Records Coordinator shall be to serve as Chair of the State Historical Records Advisory Board. The Coordinator shall be either the Maine State Archivist or the Director of the Maine Historical Society.

The Governor shall appoint the Coordinator and the Coordinator shall serve a term of four years. The Coordinator shall not be compensated but may receive the reimbursements allowed members of the Maine Historical Advisory Board.

The effective date of this Order is January 30, 1989.



John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor