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Presented by Mr. Jalbert of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Create a Commission to Commemorate the Sesquicentennial  
Anniversary of the State of Maine.**

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

Whereas, it is appropriate and proper for the people of Maine to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the following legislation is necessary to provide for the participation of the people of the State of Maine in this commemoration; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. State Sesquicentennial Commission.** There is created the State Sesquicentennial Commission for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the State of Maine, to consist of 12 members including the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the State Archivist and the Commissioner of Economic Development, who shall be ex officio members of the commission; one member each to be appointed from the Senate and the House of Representatives by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House respectively and 5 members to be appointed by the Governor from the State at large.

The commission shall select a chairman who may appoint, with the approval of the commission, such assistants as he deems necessary. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation, but shall receive their actual traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

The commission may appoint honorary members to assist it in its work.

**Sec. 2. Duties of the commission.** The commission shall develop and coordinate the plans of public and private agencies in the State for commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the State of Maine, and engage in such other activities as it shall deem appropriate for its proper commemoration. All agencies of the State and all political subdivisions are authorized to cooperate with the commission and to grant funds, property and services to it for the furtherance of the commemoration.

**Sec. 3. Report.** The commission shall report such recommendations as it deems necessary to the special session of the 103rd Legislature or to the 104th Legislature.

**Sec. 4. Contributions.** The commission may accept contributions from any source to assist it in carrying out the purposes of this Act, but the same shall be expended and accounted for in the same manner as funds appropriated to it by the Legislature.

**Sec. 5. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the State Sesquicentennial Commission the sum of \$2,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act; such sum shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until the purposes of this Act shall be accomplished.

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