

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 723

House of Representatives, February 22, 1967

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for the Official Observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Formation of the State of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. Maine State Sesquicentennial Commission. There is established the Maine State Sesquicentennial Commission for the observance and celebration of the 150th anniversary of the formation of the State of Maine, to consist of 20 commissioners, 5 of whom shall be ex officio, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the State Archivist, the State Historian and the State Museum Director, and 15 commissioners qualified by active participation in business, cultural, historical and municipal affairs in the State, who shall be appointed, as follows: One to be appointed from the judicial branch of State Government by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court; one each to be appointed from the House of Representatives and the Senate by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively; and 12 to be appointed by the Governor.

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 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for mileage expense incurred in the performance of their duties.

All members shall be appointed for terms to expire December 31, 1970, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

Sec. 2. Duties of the commission. The commission shall prepare and administer a comprehensive plan and program for the adequate observance and

celebration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the formation of the State of Maine on a state-wide basis, coordinate and correlate the programs and activities of all public and private agencies and organizations in the State which are planned for the observation of the anniversary, and engage in such other activities as it shall deem necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 3. Contributions. The commission may accept donations and 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. 4. Report. The commission shall make a progress report to the 104th Legislature, together with such recommendations as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Sesquicentennial Commission the sum of \$10,000 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 have been accomplished.