

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 134

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Transferring Duties of the Art Commission to the  
Commission on the Arts and Humanities.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 27, § 404, sub-§ 4, additional.** Section 404 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 499 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding a new subsection 4 to read as follows:

**4. Works of art.** To act in an advisory capacity relative to the creation, acquisition, construction, erection or remodeling by the State of any work of art, to file with the Governor, within 30 days, its opinion of such proposed work of art together with such suggestions and recommendations as it may deem proper. The term "work of art" as used in this subsection shall include any painting, portrait, mural decoration, stained glass, statue, tablet, bas-relief, ornament, fountain or any other article or structure of a permanent character intended for decoration or commemoration.

No painting, portrait, statue or tablet shall be accepted or placed in the State House without the permission of the commission. The commission shall advise the State Director of Public Improvements where to hang paintings, portraits and pictures and where to place statues and other works of art.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 27, §§ 301-302, repealed.** Section 301, and section 302 as amended by section 2 of chapter 458 of the public laws of 1967, both of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed.

**Sec. 3. Carrying account.** The funds of the Art Commission and any appropriation made by the 105th Legislature to the Art Commission shall be transferred to the Maine State Commission on the Arts and the Humanities

and any balance of such account shall not lapse but shall be carried forward from year to year to be expended for the purposes of the Revised Statutes, Title 27, section 404, subsection 4.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to transfer the duties of the Art Commission to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Such functions could be carried out better by the Commission on the Arts and Humanities and will eliminate present confusion because of related functions of the 2 commissions.