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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

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

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 27, § 83, sub-§ 5, additional. Section 83 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 502 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding a new subsection 5 to read as follows:

5. Works of art. To act in an advisory capacity relative to the remodeling by the State of any work of art by filing with the Governor its opinion of such proposed remodeling 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, pictures and where to place statues and other works of art.

Sec. 2. 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 or erection 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 other article or structure of a permanent character intended for decoration or commemoration.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 27, §§ 301 - 302, repealed. Sections 301 and 302, as amended by section 2 of chapter 458 of the public laws of 1967, both of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed.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. 4. 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 Museum Commission 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 83, subsection 5.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to transfer some of the duties of the Art Commission to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the balance to the Maine State Museum Commission. The bill would also eliminate the Art Commission.