

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1503

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

Committee on State Government suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Birt of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

**AN ACT Providing for the Observance of the 200th
Anniversary of the American Revolution.**

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

Sec. 1. Maine State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. There is established the Maine State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission for the observance and celebration of the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution, to consist of 20 commissioners, 3 of whom shall be the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, or commissioners appointed by them to serve for them on the commission, 5 of whom shall be the State Historian, the State Librarian, the State Museum Director, the State Archivist and the Director of the State Commission on Arts and Humanities, and 12 commissioners qualified by active participation in business, cultural, historical or municipal affairs, who shall be appointed by the Governor.

The commission shall select a chairman who may appoint, with the approval of the commission, such advisory groups as are necessary.

The members of the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

All members of the commission shall be appointed for terms to expire June 30, 1977 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 bicentennial of the American Revolution on a state-wide

basis, coordinate and correlate the programs and activities of all public and private agencies in the State which are planned for the observation of the bicentennial and cooperate in programs with other participating states and the Federal Government, 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, and receive income 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.

The commission shall be the official agency of the State to receive and disburse any and all funds made available by the Federal Government for purposes related to the observance of the bicentennial.

Sec. 4. Report. The commission shall make a progress report to each biennial session of the Legislature, together with such recommendations as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the title.