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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1006

H. P. 772 House of Representatives, February 21, 1973 Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Murray of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Transfer the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 1-A, amended. The 6th sentence of section 1-A of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 492 and as amended by section 2 of chapter 610, both of the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

The department shall include the following as heretofore or hereafter created and established: The Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Maine Education Council, the Maine Commission for the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1965, the Maine Advisory Council on Vocational Education, the Maine Representatives to the New England Board of Higher Education, the Maine School Building Authority, the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, the Maine State Commission on the Arts and the Humanities, the State Museum, the Maine State Museum Commission, the State Historian and, the Maine State Library and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 27, § 502, amended. The first sentence of section 502 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 536 and as amended by the public laws of 1971, is further amended to read as follows:

There is created and established a state commission within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to be known as the "Maine Historic Preservation Commission" to consist of not less than 12 nor more than 15 members made up as follows: Director or representative of the Arts and Humanities Commission, chairman or representative of the Department of

Transportation, director or representative of the Maine State Museum Commission, director or representative of the State Parks and Recreation Department, director or representative of the State Planning Office and director or representative of the Board of Environmental Protection to serve ex officio and a minimum of 7 representatives from among citizens of Maine, one of whom shall be elected chairman, who are known for their competence, experience and interest in this field, including at least one archeologist, one historian and one architect, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill merely places the Maine Historic Preservation Commission within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for administrative purposes. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission will retain its integrity and its current make-up. However, the commission will no longer need independent administrative support since this will be provided by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.