

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec, **BY REQUEST.**

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

AN ACT Creating a Cultural Commission to Act in an Advisory Capacity to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services.

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

R. S., T. 27, c. 2-A, additional. Title 27 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 2-A, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2-A

CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

§ 91. Commission

There is created and established a state advisory commission, to be known as the "Maine State Cultural Advisory Commission," to consist of not less than 9 nor more than 12 members, broadly representative of all artistic and cultural fields, to be appointed by the Governor from among citizens of Maine who are widely known for their competence and experience. In making such appointments, consideration shall be given to recommendations made by representative civic, educational and professional associations and groups concerned with or engaged in artistic and cultural fields.

§ 92. Membership

The term of office of each member shall be 3 years, provided that of the first members appointed, $\frac{1}{3}$ shall be appointed for terms of one year, $\frac{1}{3}$ for terms of 2 years and $\frac{1}{3}$ for terms of 3 years. The Governor shall designate a chairman and vice-chairman from the members of the commission to serve

as such at the pleasure of the Governor. All vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The members of the commission shall not receive any compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

§ 93. Duties

It shall be the duty of the commission to advise the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services on matters relating to the State Museum and Arts and Humanities.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to establish a Maine State Cultural Advisory Commission which would replace the Arts and Humanities Commission and Maine State Museum Commission which would be abolished under other proposed legislation. It is based upon a recommendation of Maine Management and Cost Survey.

The Act was approved in principle by Governor Kenneth M. Curtis in his special message to the 106th Legislature dated January 10, 1974. The Maine State Cultural Advisory Commission would advise the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services on establishment of policy for operation of the Arts and Humanities and State Museum Bureaus.