

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 862

In Senate, January 23, 1974

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Olfene of Androscoggin, **BY REQUEST.**

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FOUR

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AN ACT Abolishing the State Museum Commission.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 27, §§ 82 and 83, repealed. Sections 82 and 83 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 502 of the public laws of 1965, are repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 27, § 85, amended. The first paragraph of section 85 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 502 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

The State Museum shall be under the direction of a director who shall be qualified by training or by experience in museum work appointed by the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services subject to the Personnel Law. The Museum Director shall have the powers and duties established under the following provisions governing the administration and operation of the Maine State Museum activities:

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 27, § 85, sub-§ 1, repealed. Subsection 1, under the caption "Administrative Provisions," of section 85 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 502 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed as follows:

±. ~~Duties prescribed. To perform the duties which are prescribed for him by the commission~~

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 27, § 85, sub-§ 1, repealed. Subsection 1, under the caption "Operational Provisions," of section 85 of Title 27 of the Revised Stat-

utes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 502 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed as follows:

†. ~~General. To carry out the policies and directives of the Maine State Museum Commission~~

**Sec. 5. R. S., T. 27, § 87, amended.** The last sentence of section 87 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 485 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. R. S., T. 27, § 88, amended.** Section 88 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 84 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

**§ 88. Federal funds**

The museum through its ~~commission and~~ director may be an official agency of the State to receive and disburse any funds made available by the Federal Government for programs related to the purposes of the museum.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The purpose of this Act is to implement a recommendation of Maine Management and Cost Survey that the Maine State Museum Commission be abolished and that the director be appointed by and work under the direction of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services.

The Act is inter-related to recommendation #3, Department of Educational and Cultural Services, which would abolish the Arts and Humanities Commission and #6 which would create a cultural commission to act in an advisory capacity to the commissioner.

Governor Kenneth M. Curtis recommends approval of the Act provided a Maine State Cultural Commission representative of artistic and cultural fields is created which would replace the State Museum Commission and Arts and Humanities Commission and advise the commissioner on matters relating to the 2 bureaus.