

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1646**

H. P. 1336

House of Representatives, April 2, 1975

Referred to Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Faucher of Solon.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**RESOLVE, to appropriate Funds to the West Somerset Historical Society.**

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**West Somerset Historical Society; appropriation. Resolved:** That there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Western Somerset Historical Society the sum of \$20,000 to assist in the society's efforts in observing the 1776 bicentennial, in establishing historical museums and village libraries in New Portland, Embden, Solon and Anson, and in publishing historical materials.

### STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve appropriates \$20,000 to the Western Somerset Historical Society for the following purposes.

1. Assist the 1776 bicentennial committees in Anson, Solon, Embden and New Portland with their 1976 observance of the bicentennial by providing a central coordinating organization based in an organization serving all 4 towns.
2. Assist the Western Somerset Historical Society to establish historical museums and village library installations in the Towns of New Portland, Embden, Solon and Anson, beginning at the society building in North New Portland village.
3. Assist the society to publish a firm printing of 1,000 copies of an illustrated history of New Portland using a manuscript and historical photographs now owned by the society and acquired from the heirs of a former resident of New Portland who collected the pictures and wrote the history.

4. To assist the society to publish a census of New Portland acquired from the same source as the history described in Article 3. The census covering the period from about 1840 to 1948 with a printing of 1,000 copies.
5. Assist the society to republish a 1902 pamphlet history and census of New Portland by Harry E. Mitchell with a printing of 1,000 copies.
6. Assist the society to republish 500 copies of H. E. Mitchell histories and census of the Towns of New Vineyard, Strong and Kingfield; all towns adjacent to New Portland.

The Western Somerset Historical Society is a Maine charitable literary and historical society organized as a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of Maine in May 1972, with its principal location in the Town of New Portland. The society is solvent, has about \$1,700 in cash, and owns a large 2-story building in North New Portland village with an upstairs furnished apartment and an open 1st floor suitable for a library and museum. The society also owns a large corner lot adjacent to the building.