

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative H. C. Higgins of Portland.

Cosponsors: Representative Nelson of Portland, Representative Michael of Auburn, Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Create a Maine Film Board.

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

§ MRSA c. 363 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 363

MAINE FILM BOARD

§ 7011. Board established

There is established an independent board to be known as the Maine Film Board, referred to in this chapter as the "board."

§ 7012. Membership

The board shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Governor. Fourteen members shall be appointed from among residents of the State who are involved in various phases of the film industry or who are affected by the film industry and one member shall be a Member of the Legislature. The Director of the Maine Publicity Bureau and the Director of the State Development Office shall serve as ex officio members of the board.

§ 7013. Term of office

All members except the legislative member shall be appointed for 3-year terms, except of those first appointed 5 shall be appointed for 3-year terms, 5 shall be appointed for 2-year terms and 4 shall be appointed for one-year terms. The legislative member shall be appointed for a term equal to the time remaining in his legislative term at the time of his appointment. The Governor shall designate the term of office of those first appointed at the time of appointment.

Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and take office. The Governor may terminate the membership of any appointee for good and just cause and the reason for the termination shall be communicated in writing to each member whose term is so terminated.

Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

§ 7014. Chairmen

The board shall, annually at the first meeting of the board, elect from its members a chairman and vice-chairman, to serve for one year.

§ 7015. Powers and duties

The board shall have the following powers:

1. **Advice and cooperation.** To advise and assist the State Development Office and the Maine Publicity Bureau in attracting in-state, on-location filming in the State; and
2. **Funds.** To raise and accept funds from public and private sources on behalf of the State to be used to promote the purposes of this chapter.

§ 7016. Maine Publicity Bureau film project

Any funds collected under section 7015 may be forwarded by the board to the Maine Publicity Bureau to be used in financing that bureau's on-going film project. Any funds forwarded to the Maine Publicity Bureau under this section may only be used to finance that film project and for no other purpose. Any funds received by the bureau as matching funds to match any funds forwarded by the board may only be used to finance that film project.

§ 7017. Meetings

The board shall meet at the call of the chairman. Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the work of the board at the same rate as state employees. Reimbursement shall be made from funds collected under section 7015.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create a board of industry-related personnel to work with the Maine Publicity Bureau and the State Development Office to secure in-state locations for the filming of advertisements and movies.