

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 409

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7 S.P. 142

In Senate, February 5, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
9 suggested and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

11 Cosponsored by Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake and Representative Foster
of Ellsworth.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Appropriate Grant Funds to the
18 Maine State Commission on the Arts and
19 the Humanities to Support Current
20 Established Programs.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
25 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
26 of this Act.

27 1985-86

1986-87

28 MAINE STATE COMMISSION ON THE
29 ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

30 Arts and Humanities
31 Institutional Programs

1 All Other \$75,000 \$87,500

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

3 The Maine State Commission on the Arts and the
4 Humanities was established by the Legislature in 1966
5 with a mandate "to encourage and stimulate public in-
6 terest and participation in the cultural heritage and
7 programs of our State and to expand the state's cul-
8 tural resources." Responding to this charge, the
9 commission has set into motion programs that imple-
10 ment this directive.

11 1. Our nationally known Artist-in-Residence Pro-
12 gram allows over 40,000 school children to partici-
13 pate in the arts under the guidance of professional
14 Maine artists.

15 2. The Touring Artists' Program makes perform-
16 ances of the highest calibre available to a broad
17 spectrum of Maine communities.

18 3. Maine's arts institutions, theaters, museums,
19 musical and dance organizations, currently offer a
20 range of activities that serve their individual com-
21 munities.

22 This appropriation allows 3 already established
23 and proven sponsored programs to broaden their bases,
24 to embrace and serve a greater portion of our
25 year-round residents throughout the entire State, es-
26 pecially in rural and less populated areas.

27 The funding of these 3 programs no longer meets
28 the demand, in fact, grant requests are more than 2
29 times greater than the funds currently available.
30 This appropriation aids the commission in responding
31 more realistically to the needs of many smaller com-
32 munities by allocating moneys for outreach programs
33 designed to enrich the cultural life of communities
34 throughout our geographically vast State.

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