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10 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Diamond of Cumberland.

12 Cosponsored by Senator Pearson of Penobscot and Senator Najarian of
Cumberland.

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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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18 AN ACT Concerning the Conservation and
19 Preservation of Unique State
20 Historical and Library Research
21 Material.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 Sec. 1. 27 MRSA c. 2, sub-c. III is enacted to
26 read:

27 SUBCHAPTER III

28 CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION

29 §94. Definitions

30 As used in this subchapter, unless the context
31 indicates otherwise, the following terms have the
32 following meanings.

1 1. Agencies and libraries. "Agencies" and "li-
2 braries" means libraries and other agencies collect-
3 ing, organizing, maintaining and making available to
4 the Maine State Library research materials.

5 2. Conservation or preservation. "Conservation"
6 or "preservation" means activity for the protection,
7 care and treatment of library materials to prevent
8 loss of their informational content or of the objects
9 themselves, including, but not limited to:

10 A. Collection condition evaluation and preserva-
11 tion planning;

12 B. Environmental control;

13 C. Preparation of library research material for
14 storage, including binding, matting, boxing and
15 other protective wrapping;

16 D. Disaster prevention, preparedness and recov-
17 ery;

18 E. Surveying to identify items needing preserva-
19 tion or collection maintenance planning;

20 F. Rebinding, repair, mending or cleaning;

21 G. Reformatting, including photocopying and mi-
22 crofilming; or

23 H. Major conservation treatment such as
24 deacidification, leather repair and conservation
25 rebinding.

26 3. Library research materials. "Library research
27 materials" means informational materials in print,
28 nonprint manuscript or any other format which is a
29 part of the applicant's collection and are or will be
30 available for reference, on-site examinations or
31 loan. Works of art using oil on canvas as a medium
32 are excluded from this definition.

33 4. Preservation methods. "Preservation methods"
34 means the activities used in the physical treatment,
35 creation of microforms or environmental control.

1 5. Unique library research materials. "Unique
2 library research materials" means library research
3 materials which are not accessible to the people of
4 the State in any other collection in the State or ma-
5 terials which have research value not duplicated
6 elsewhere in the State.

7 §95. Annual appropriation

8 An annual appropriation shall be made for the
9 conservation and preservation of historically signif-
10 icant Maine State Library reserach material.

11 1. Annual grants. Annual grants may be made to
12 libraries and agev`es for the purpose of conservation
13 or preservation of unique library research materials.
14 Projects proposals shall be evaluated based upon fac-
15 tors, including, but not limited to:

16 A. Institution commitment to development of a
17 coordinated approach to conservation and preser-
18 vation of research materials important to the
19 State;

20 B. Research value of the materials;

21 C. Appropriateness of conservation and preserva-
22 tion methods;

23 D. Institutional capacity for successful mainte-
24 nance of research materials, including facili-
25 ties, experience and technical expertise;

26 E. Availability of staff with appropriate train-
27 ing and expertise;

28 F. Volume of interlibrary lending and
29 accessability of collections to the public; and

30 G. Contribution of the institution to the grant
31 project in matching funds.

32 2. Approval of grants. The commissioner shall
33 approve grants with the advice of the State Librari-
34 an. All proposals and grants shall be reviewed and
35 have the advice of the Maine Library Commission.

