

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Referred to the Committee on Education and ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RANDALL of Washington.

Cosponsored by Representative ROLDE of York, Representative MCPHERSON of Eliot, Representative LAWRENCE of Parsonsfield.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend the Laws Relating to the
Maine State Museum.

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §85, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §124, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §85-A is enacted to read:

§85-A. Powers and duties of Museum Director

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:

1 1. Duties prescribed. To perform the duties
2 which are prescribed for him by the commission;

3 2. Administration. To administer the office of
4 Museum Director. In exercising his administration,
5 the Museum Director shall promulgate operating poli-
6 cies, establish organizational and operational proce-
7 dures and exercise supervision of museum activities.
8 He shall employ, subject to the Civil Service Law and
9 the approval of the Commissioner of Educational and
10 Cultural Services, such assistants as may be neces-
11 sary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The
12 Museum Director shall adopt a seal for use in the of-
13 ficial business of the museum;

14 3. Rules. To promulgate such rules as necessary
15 to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. No unrea-
16 sonable restrictions or limitations shall be imposed
17 on the use of museum records or objects that are de-
18 finied by law as records or objects open to public in-
19 spection;

20 4. Acceptance of gifts and bequests. To accept
21 gifts, bequests and endowments for purposes consist-
22 ent with the purposes of this chapter. Any funds, if
23 given as an endowment or trust, shall be invested by
24 the Treasurer of State according to the laws govern-
25 ing the investment of trust funds. All gifts, be-
26 quests and proceeds of endowment funds shall be used
27 solely to carry out the purposes for which they were
28 made;

29 5. Biennial report. To report biennially to the
30 Governor and Legislature facts and recommendations
31 relating to the work and needs of his office.

32 6. General. To carry out the policies and direc-
33 tives of the Maine State Museum Commission;

34 7. Collection. To institute and maintain a pro-
35 gram of systematic collection in the several fields
36 of museum activity with particular emphasis on those
37 fields relating to this State;

38 8. Preservation and restoration. To preserve,
39 identify, catalogue, document and safeguard the col-
40 lections of the museum. Protection through copy-
41 rights may be obtained;

1 9. Research and publications. To carry on re-
2 search to increase knowledge in the several fields of
3 museum activity and to provide interpretive and in-
4 formation services, including the dissemination and
5 recording of information gathered through research;

6 10. Information. To provide reference services
7 to individuals and local historical, natural history,
8 scientific and other groups and societies interested
9 in museum activities;

10 11. Exhibitions. To exhibit the collections of
11 the museum, including permanent and temporary exhib-
12 its, and to provide a loan service for films, arti-
13 facts, specimens and other exhibits of the museum to
14 such persons, groups and schools and under such terms
15 and conditions as determined by the director;

16 12. Services. To provide ancillary museum ser-
17 vices such as operation of a museum library, consul-
18 tation concerning museum activities, sale of publica-
19 tions, provision of speakers, participation in spe-
20 cial events and any other activities which will pro-
21 mot the effectiveness of the museum.

22 13. Educational stipends. To provide educational
23 field school opportunities in concert with archaeo-
24 logical and conservation projects by providing educa-
25 tional stipends from funds secured from nongeneral
26 fund sources.

27 **Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §89, as enacted by PL 1971, c.**
28 **544, §84, is amended to read:**

29 §89. Publication fund

30 1. Revolving fund. There is established within
31 the Maine State Museum a revolving fund for the use
32 of the museum to cover acquisition, printing and dis-
33 tribution costs for scientific, historical and educa-
34 tional literature and for services offered by the mu-
35 seum for which a charge is made.

36 2. Prices and rates. The director is authorized
37 to fix the price prices and rates at which publica-
38 tions, services or related items may be sold and de-
39 livered. The museum shall receive without charge 15%

1 The bill would also explicitly authorize the mu-
2 seum to credit the proceeds from sales of reproduc-
3 tions of collection items to either of the 2 existing
4 revolving funds dedicated to museum purposes.

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