

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 601

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H.P. 418

House of Representatives, February 13, 1991

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative AULT of Wayne.

Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Winthrop and Representative FARNUM of South Berwick.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Provide for Local Control in the Selection of Artists and  
Writers for Funding.**

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

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4 27 MRSA §404, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

6 1. **Encouragement.** To take such steps as may be necessary  
8 and appropriate to encourage and stimulate public interest and  
10 participation in the cultural heritage and programs of our State  
12 and to expand the state's State's cultural resources. Any  
14 funding of the activities of artists and writers must be solely  
through the auspices of sponsoring nonprofit agencies, with the  
nonprofit agencies having approval of the artists and writers  
involved. The State may not exercise preapproval of artists and  
writers; and

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18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This bill ensures that the selection of artists and writers  
22 and their activities remains an autonomous function of the  
nonprofit agency requesting sponsorship funding through the Maine  
Arts Commission.