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H.P. 1440

House of Representatives, March 4, 1994

An Act to Create the Blaine House Commission.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by President DUTREMBLE of York and
Representatives: GWADOSKY of Fairfield, JACQUES of Waterville, PARADIS of Augusta,
ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert, Senators: BUSTIN of Kennebec, CAHILL of Sagadahoc,
CARPENTER of York, ESTY of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §§322 to 326 are enacted to read:

§322. Blaine House Commission

The Blaine House Commission, as established in section 12004-I, subsection 75-B and referred to in this chapter as the "commission," consists of 9 voting members who are appointed and serve as described in this section.

1. Members; appointment. The commission consists of the following members:

A. The Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission;

B. The Director of the Maine State Museum;

C. The Director of the Bureau of General Services;

D. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services; and

E. Five public members appointed by the Governor. The public members must have expertise in one or more of the following areas: historic preservation, interior decoration, historic architecture or landscape architecture.

2. Terms. Each public member serves a term concurrent with the term of the Governor.

3. Chair. The commission shall elect a chair from among its public members.

4. Reimbursement. Members serve on the commission without compensation.

5. Meetings; decisions; quorum. The commission shall meet at least quarterly on the call of the chair. Decisions must be made by a majority of those present and voting. A quorum is a majority of the members of the commission.

6. Rules. The commission, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, shall adopt all rules necessary or desirable for it to carry out the functions assigned it by this chapter.

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3 **§323. Approval of alterations; oversight of plans**

4 The commission shall approve any architectural, aesthetic
5 and decorative alterations to Blaine House grounds and public
6 rooms and alterations to the structural features and
7 architectural details of the private rooms and oversee plans to
8 preserve and develop the aesthetic and historical integrity of
9 the Blaine House and adjacent grounds.

10 **1. Oversight.** The commission shall oversee the
11 preservation of, and the development and implementation of
12 changes guaranteeing, the aesthetic and historical integrity of
13 the public rooms of the Blaine House and adjacent grounds and
14 alterations to the structural features and architectural details
15 of the private rooms of the Blaine House.

16 **2. Jurisdiction.** The commission has jurisdiction over the
17 entire exterior of the Blaine House, the interior rooms used by
18 the public and the immediate grounds. The private office and
19 living quarters used at the discretion of the Governor by the
20 Governor and the Governor's family are exempt from this chapter,
21 except for alterations to structural features and architectural
22 details.

23 **3. Alterations.** The Bureau of General Services may not
24 make any architectural, aesthetic or decorative addition to,
25 deletion from or change to any external or internal part of the
26 Blaine House or its immediate grounds under the jurisdiction of
27 the commission unless the commission has approved the change in
28 writing.

29 **4. Research; publications.** The commission may conduct
30 research into the Blaine House, its grounds and its residents, to
31 guide the commission in the preservation and development of the
32 building's aesthetic and historical integrity. The commission
33 may publish and distribute this research to enhance public
34 understanding and appreciation of the Blaine House.

35 **§324. Advice and assistance to commission**

36 The commission may request the assistance and advice of any
37 state agency in the administration of its duties. Any state
38 agency receiving a request shall render any assistance and advice
39 to the commission within reasonable means.

40 **§325. Annual report to Governor**

41 The commission shall report to the Governor annually on
42 September 1st its accomplishments and recommendations relating to
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2 all activities and projects initiated and completed during the
3 past year and those projects proposed during the next year that
4 concern the preservation and development of the aesthetic and
5 historical integrity of the Blaine House and its adjacent grounds.

6 **§326. Contributions to Blaine House**

8 The commission may accept gifts, bequests, loans of
9 artifacts and federal funds for purposes consistent with the
10 objectives of this chapter. These gifts, bequests, loans of
11 artifacts and federal funds must be used solely to carry out the
12 purposes for which they were intended. Gifts may include
13 furnishings, other artifacts and any items or specimens
14 appropriate for the grounds.

16 All contributions, purchases and bequests of artifacts for
17 the Blaine House and grounds must be reported in writing to the
18 Maine State Museum Commission at least quarterly. The Maine
19 State Museum Commission shall consider these acquisitions for
20 inclusion in the Blaine House Historic Collection and report its
21 decisions to the Blaine House Commission at least quarterly. For
22 the purposes of this section, the "Blaine House Historic
23 Collection" consists of all artifacts associated with the Blaine
24 House and grounds that, in the judgment of the Maine State Museum
25 Commission, are determined culturally or historically significant
26 to the Blaine House, its inhabitants or the State.

28 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§75-B is enacted to read:**

30	<u>75-B.</u>	<u>Blaine</u>	<u>Not</u>	<u>5 MRSA</u>
	<u>State</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>§322</u>
32	<u>Government</u>	<u>Commission</u>		

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STATEMENT OF FACT

38 This bill creates the Blaine House Commission to oversee the
39 development and implementation of changes to the Blaine House
40 grounds and public rooms.

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46 This document has not yet been reviewed to determine the
47 need for cross-reference, stylistic and other technical
48 amendments to conform existing law to current drafting standards.