

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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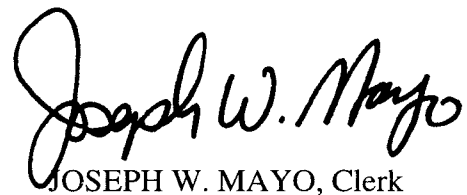
House of Representatives, December 17, 1999

**An Act to Make Organizational Changes in the Maine State Cultural  
Affairs Council.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 15, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker ROWE of Portland.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §551, sub-§§1 and 2,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. B, §42, are amended to read:

6       **1. Cultural agencies.** "Cultural agencies" means the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Maine Library Commission, the Maine State Museum Commission, the Maine Humanities Council, the Maine Historical Society and the Maine State Archives and programs of these ~~emmissions~~ organizations.

12       **2. Directors.** "Directors" means the Director of the Maine Arts Commission, the Director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the State Librarian and, the Director of the Maine State Museum, the Director of the Maine Humanities Council, the Director of the Maine Historical Society and the State Archivist.

18       **Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §553, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. B, §42, is amended to read:

22       The Maine State Cultural Affairs Council ~~shall--eonsist~~ consists of the chair of the State Cultural Affairs Council, appointed pursuant to subsection 1, and the chair and vice-chair or their designees from the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Maine Library Commission, the Maine Humanities Council, the Maine Historical Society, the Archives Advisory Board and the Maine State Museum Commission. The Governor may designate a staff member of the Office of the Governor to serve as a nonvoting member. The directors of the 4 7 cultural agencies ~~shall-be~~ are nonvoting ex officio members of the council.

34       **Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §553, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 519, §7, is further amended to read:

36       **1. Appointment of chair.** The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council from among the members of the Maine Library Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Humanities Council, the Maine Historical Society, the Archives Advisory Board or the Maine State Museum Commission, ~~provided~~ that as long as the appointed chair is not from the same ~~emmission~~ entity as the previous chair.

46       **Sec. 4. 27 MRSA §555, sub-§§4 and 5,** as enacted by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. B, §42, are amended to read:

48       **4. Prepare annual report.** To coordinate the preparation of an annual report and other joint planning documents of the 4 7 cultural agencies; and

2           **5. Statewide cultural planning.** To meet jointly and at  
least annually with the directors of ~~humanities-councils-in-the~~  
4 ~~State,--the-Maine-State-Archives,~~ the Maine State Film Commission  
and the State Law Library and others as considered appropriate  
6 for the purpose of exchanging information and coordinating  
statewide cultural planning.

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#### SUMMARY

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This bill adds to the membership of the Maine State Cultural  
Affairs Council the Maine Humanities Council, the Maine  
Historical Society and the Archives Advisory Board.