

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1473

House of Representatives, March 21, 2006

**Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Establish a Task Force  
To Develop a Plan for the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reported by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham for the Joint Standing Committee on  
State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order 2005, H.P. 494.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

1           **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas,** the Maine State Cultural Building is experiencing a severe shortage of  
4 archive space and physical building damage that could lead to the loss of cultural  
5 artifacts, books and archived records; and

6           **Whereas,** the task force established in this resolve will need time to develop options  
7 for the improvement of the Maine State Cultural Building and to investigate funding  
8 sources; and

9           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
12 therefore, be it

13           **Sec. 1. Secretary of State directed to establish task force to develop plan**  
14 **for cultural building in Augusta. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall  
15 establish a task force to develop a plan for the Maine State Cultural Building. The task  
16 force shall include representatives from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission; the  
17 Maine State Library; the Maine State Museum; the Maine State Archives; the Department  
18 of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services; the University of  
19 Maine System; the City of Augusta; the Maine Archives and Museums Association; the  
20 Maine Library Association; and other individuals or organizations with a demonstrated  
21 interest in the cultural affairs of the State; and be it further

22           **Sec. 2. Task force duties. Resolved:** That the task force established in section 1  
23 shall examine and make recommendations regarding the following issues concerning the  
24 Maine State Cultural Building:

25           1. Space limitations, mechanical problems, energy inefficiencies and physical  
26 deterioration;

27           2. The possibility of constructing a new building;

28           3. Obtaining federal sources of funds to be used for upgrading and expanding  
29 cultural facilities in Augusta;

30           4. Obtaining private sources of funds to be used for upgrading and expanding  
31 cultural facilities in Augusta; and

32           5. Ways for the State to work collaboratively with universities to develop  
33 cooperative agreements to meet the cultural needs of the State; and be it further

34           **Sec. 3. Report and recommendations. Resolved:** That the task force  
35 established in section 1 shall report its findings and recommendations under section 2 ,  
36 including any suggested legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
37 having jurisdiction over state and local government matters no later than January 15,  
38 2007; and be it further

39           **Sec. 4. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved:** That the joint standing  
40 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters

1 is authorized to report out legislation concerning the finding and recommendations under  
2 section 2 to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

3 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve  
4 takes effect when approved.

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This resolve directs the Secretary of State to establish a task force to look at the long-  
7 term needs of the Maine State Cultural Building, including the possibility of constructing  
8 a new building. The task force shall consider the issues of space limitations, mechanical  
9 problems, physical deterioration and energy inefficiencies. It shall also seek to develop  
10 initiatives that use federal financing opportunities and take advantage of cooperation with  
11 the University of Maine System. The task force shall report to the joint standing  
12 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters  
13 by January 15, 2007.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



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**Fiscal Note for Committee Bill  
Committee: State and Local Government  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Secretary of State, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Maine Historical Society, the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine State Library, the Maine State Museum, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the University of Maine System to serve on the Task Force can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.