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House of Representatives, April 25, 2007

Resolve, Regarding the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham for the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Resolve 2005, chapter 168.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed under Joint Rule 218.

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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 Resolve 2005, chapter 168 will need time to
7 develop options for the improvement of the Maine State Cultural Building and to
8 investigate funding 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. Resolve 2005, c. 168, §1, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 2005, c.
14 168, §1 is amended to read:

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

25 ; and be it further

26 **Sec. 2. Resolve 2005, c. 168, §3, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 2005, c.
27 168, §3 is amended to read:

28 **Sec. 3. Report and recommendations. Resolved:** That the task force
29 established in section 1 shall report its findings and recommendations under section 2,
30 including any suggested legislation jointly to the joint standing committee of the
31 Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and the Capitol
32 Planning Commission no later than January 15, 2007 and a 2nd report that includes fiscal
33 estimates by November 15, 2007; and be it further

34 ; and be it further

35 **Sec. 3. Resolve 2005, c. 168, §4, amended. Resolved:** That Resolve 2005, c.
36 168, §4 is amended to read:

37 **Sec. 4. Authority to report out legislation. Resolved:** That the joint standing
38 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters
39 is authorized to report out legislation concerning the finding and recommendations under

1 section 2 to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature- and to the Second Regular
2 Session of the 123rd Legislature; and be it further

3 ; and be it further

4 **Sec. 4. Resolve 2005, c. 168, §5, enacted. Resolved:** That Resolve 2005, c.
5 168, §5 is enacted to read:

6 **Sec. 5. Outside consultant authorized. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State
7 shall, on behalf of the task force established under section 1, contract with an outside
8 consultant with experience in the architecture of public or museum buildings.

9 ; and be it further

10 **Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
11 appropriations and allocations are made.

12 **SECRETARY OF STATE, OFFICE OF THE**

13 Initiative: Provides funds for an architectural consultant.

14	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
15	All Other	\$100,000	\$0
16			
17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0

18 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
19 legislation takes effect when approved.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This resolve amends Resolve 2005, chapter 168, which established a task force to
22 develop a plan for the Maine State Cultural Building in Augusta. It adds to the existing
23 membership of the task force representatives of the Department of Transportation and the
24 judicial branch. It requires the task force to submit a 2nd report by November 15, 2007
25 with any recommendations regarding the cultural building. The bill also provides an
26 appropriation of \$100,000 to contract with an architectural consultant and give the Joint
27 Standing Committee on State and Local Government authority to submit legislation to the
28 Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.