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**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 787, L.D. 1993, "Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Review the Accountability of State Cultural Agencies"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Regarding Enhancement of Maine's Cultural Assets'**

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Preamble. Whereas,** the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council serves a vital role in coordinating a comprehensive approach to preserving and promoting the State's cultural heritage; and

**Whereas,** the Legislature seeks to strengthen its commitment to the preservation and enhancement of the State's cultural assets for the benefit of all its citizens; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Maine State Cultural Affairs Council directed to identify needs of Maine's cultural community and increase visibility of council. Resolved:** That the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, consisting of the Maine State Museum, the Maine State Library, the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Maine State Archives, the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Humanities Council and referred to in this resolve as "the council," shall review its charge under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 27, chapter 18 and:

1. Identify ways to increase the council's visibility in State Government;
2. Solicit broad-based public input to identify the needs and aspirations of Maine's cultural community including through a series of statewide forums;
3. Develop ways to broaden citizen participation in the council;
4. Review the council's internal procedures to improve the delivery of services to the citizens of Maine and strengthen the council's image;

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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1 5. Identify ways to increase the ability of the council to attract private and public  
2 funding to benefit the citizens of Maine through enhanced cultural services; and

3 6. Explore ways to improve the interaction of the council with the joint standing  
4 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs; and  
5 be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Reporting date. Resolved:** That no later than January 31, 2009 the  
7 council shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
8 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs  
9 matters. The council shall include in a report a draft of any legislation necessary to  
10 implement its recommendations.'

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Maine State Cultural Affairs  
13 Council to review its statutory charge and identify ways to strengthen the council's  
14 visibility, expand citizen participation and improve the delivery of services. The council  
15 is required to report its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
16 the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs no later than  
17 January 9, 2009.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



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LD 1993

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**Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Review the Accountability of State Cultural Agencies**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council to conduct the required review and submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.