

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 99

In Senate, February 3, 2015

**Resolve, To Initiate the Procedures To Request the United States  
Congress's Joint Committee on the Library To Replace a Statue in  
the National Statuary Hall Collection**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, GERZOFKY of Cumberland, WILLETTE of Aroostook, Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, MARTIN of Sinclair, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

1           **Preamble. Whereas,** the statues of 2 great citizens of Maine, William King,  
2 Maine's first governor, and Hannibal Hamlin, the 15th Vice President of the United  
3 States, are part of the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol; and

4           **Whereas,** this legislation seeks to put a statue of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain in  
5 the place of the statue of William King in the collection; and

6           **Whereas,** Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, a president of Bowdoin College, a  
7 brigadier general in the Union Army, a hero of the Battle of Gettysburg, a Medal of  
8 Honor recipient and the 32nd Governor of Maine, is a great citizen of Maine whose statue  
9 would help educate visitors to the United States Capitol about his life and about a great  
10 state; now, therefore, be it

11           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Install a  
12 Statue of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain in the National Statuary Hall Collection, referred  
13 to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

14           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of  
15 11 members appointed as follows:

16           1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a  
17 member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

18           2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
19 House of Representatives, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the  
20 largest number of seats in the Legislature;

21           3. A member representing the Maine Arts Commission appointed by the Governor;

22           4. A member representing the Maine Historic Preservation Commission appointed  
23 by the Governor;

24           5. A member representing the Maine State Museum Commission appointed by the  
25 Governor;

26           6. A member of the public appointed by the President of the Senate; and

27           7. A member of the public appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
28 Representatives; and be it further

29           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate  
30 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the  
31 commission; and be it further

32           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all  
33 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
34 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
35 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,  
36 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more

1 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been  
2 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority  
3 for the commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

4 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall:

- 5 1. Select a sculptor to sculpt the statue of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain;
- 6 2. Devise a method to raise and collect outside funds necessary to carry out the intent  
7 of this resolve;
- 8 3. Represent the State in its dealings with the United States Congress's Joint  
9 Committee on the Library, which has oversight of the National Statuary Hall Collection,  
10 and the Architect of the Capitol, who is responsible for the reception, placement and care  
11 of the statue in the collection;
- 12 4. Direct the expenditure of money to pay for the sculptor chosen to carve or cast the  
13 statue, a pedestal and any desired inscription, transporting the statue and pedestal to the  
14 United States Capitol, removing and transporting the replaced statue, temporarily erecting  
15 the new statue in the Rotunda of the Capitol for the unveiling ceremony, the unveiling  
16 ceremony and any other expenses the commission considers necessary; and
- 17 5. Take any further actions incidental to carrying out the intent of this resolve; and be  
18 it further

19 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Maine Arts Commission, the  
20 Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission shall  
21 provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

22 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a report that  
23 includes a summary of the commission's progress in carrying out the intent of this resolve  
24 and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second  
25 Regular Session of the 127th Legislature; and be it further

26 **Sec. 8. Outside funding. Resolved:** That the commission shall seek funding  
27 contributions to fully fund the costs associated with carrying out the intent of this resolve.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This resolve establishes the Commission to Install a Statue of Joshua Lawrence  
30 Chamberlain in the National Statuary Hall Collection. The commission is directed to take  
31 steps necessary to result in the placement of a statue of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain in  
32 the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol. This statue will  
33 replace that of William King, Maine's first governor, the ownership of which may be  
34 transferred to the State, subject to the approval of the United States Congress's Joint  
35 Committee on the Library. The commission is directed to seek outside funding to fully  
36 fund the costs associated with carrying out the intent of the resolve.