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H.P. 1013

House of Representatives, December 23, 2015

An Act Regarding the Maine Arts Commission

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 2015. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond.
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DeCHANT of Bath, HANLEY of Pittston,
MAKER of Calais, POULIOT of Augusta, STETKIS of Canaan, TUELL of East Machias,
Senator: EDGECOMB of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §405**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 181, §1, is further amended to
3 read:

4 **§405. Hearings; contracts**

5 The Maine Arts Commission is authorized and empowered to hold public and private
6 hearings; to enter into contracts, within the limit of funds available, with individuals or
7 organizations; and institutions for services furthering the educational objectives of the
8 commission's programs; to enter into contracts, within the limit of funds available, with
9 local and regional associations for cooperative endeavors furthering the educational
10 objectives of the commission's programs; to establish and administer an endowment fund;
11 to accept gifts, contributions and bequests of funds from individuals, foundations,
12 corporations and other organizations or institutions for the purpose of furthering the
13 commission's mission; to make and sign any agreements; and to do and perform any acts
14 that are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. ~~Any funds, if given as an~~
15 ~~endowment, must be invested by the Treasurer of State according to the laws governing~~
16 ~~the investment of trust funds.~~ As determined by the Director of the Maine Arts
17 Commission, with the approval of the commission, the endowment's principal and
18 interest may be used to further the commission's mission, as long as the endowment funds
19 are used only for the purposes for which the endowment is established in accordance with
20 the intent of the donor. The commission may request and receive from any department,
21 division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the State such assistance and data as
22 necessary to carry out its powers and duties.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill removes language that requires the Treasurer of State to invest funds given
25 as an endowment for the Maine Arts Commission. It allows the Maine Arts Commission
26 to administer its endowment fund.