

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1016

House of Representatives, December 23, 2015

### **An Act To Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Arts Commission**

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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 §410-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§410-A. Private support organization**

4 **1. Designation of private support organization.** The Director of the Maine Arts  
5 Commission shall designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization  
6 for the Maine Arts Commission. The designated organization must be incorporated as a  
7 nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State, and its sole purpose, as reflected in its  
8 bylaws, must be to organize and foster support for the Maine Arts Commission and its  
9 programs.

10 **2. Member on board of directors.** The Director of the Maine Arts Commission, or  
11 the director's designee, shall serve as a member of the private support organization's  
12 board of directors.

13 **3. Plan of work.** The Director of the Maine Arts Commission shall negotiate an  
14 annual memorandum of understanding between the Maine Arts Commission and the  
15 private support organization that outlines a plan of work identifying priority projects of  
16 mutual benefit and cooperation.

17 **4. Use of property.** The Director of the Maine Arts Commission may permit the  
18 appropriate use of fixed property, equipment and facilities of the Maine Arts Commission  
19 by the private support organization. Such use must be directly in keeping with the  
20 purpose of the private support organization as set out in subsection 1 and must comply  
21 with all appropriate state policies and procedures.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill requires the Director of the Maine Arts Commission to designate a nonprofit  
24 organization as the private support organization for the Maine Arts Commission to  
25 organize and foster support for the commission and its programs.