

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 392

In Senate, March 24, 2021

**An Act Regarding the Terms of Office of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission, the State Librarian and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission**

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 22, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §84-A**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. E, §30, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **§84-A. Museum director; appointment**

5 The Director of the Maine State Museum Commission must be qualified by training or  
6 by experience in museum work and is appointed by the Maine State Museum Commission.  
7 The director shall serve ~~for an indefinite term, subject to removal for cause~~ at the pleasure  
8 of the Maine State Museum Commission. The ~~commission~~ Maine State Museum  
9 Commission shall fix compensation for the director within salary range 88.

10 **Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §112**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 150, §11, is further amended by  
11 amending the section headnote to read:

12 **§112. – Maine Library Commission functions**

13 **Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §112, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, §6, is amended to  
14 read:

15 The ~~library commission~~ Maine Library Commission shall:

16 **Sec. 4. 27 MRSA §112, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. E, §31, is  
17 further amended to read:

18 **1. Appointment of State Librarian.** Appoint the State Librarian. The State Librarian  
19 must be qualified through training or experience in library work. The State Librarian shall  
20 serve ~~for an indefinite term, subject to removal for cause~~ at the pleasure of the Maine  
21 Library Commission. The ~~commission~~ Maine Library Commission shall fix compensation  
22 for the State Librarian within salary range 88;

23 **Sec. 5. 27 MRSA §403-A**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. E, §32, is further  
24 amended to read:

25 **§403-A. Director of Maine Arts Commission; appointment**

26 The Director of the Maine Arts Commission must be qualified by training or experience  
27 and is appointed by the Maine Arts Commission. The director shall serve ~~for an indefinite~~  
28 ~~term subject to removal for cause~~ at the pleasure of the Maine Arts Commission. The  
29 ~~commission~~ Maine Arts Commission shall fix compensation for the director within salary  
30 range 88.

31 **Sec. 6. Application.** This Act does not apply to a Director of the Maine State  
32 Museum Commission appointed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 27, section  
33 84-A, a State Librarian appointed pursuant to Title 27, section 112, subsection 1 or a  
34 Director of the Maine Arts Commission appointed pursuant to Title 27, section 403-A who  
35 was appointed before January 1, 2021.

36 **Sec. 7. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2021.

37 **SUMMARY**

38 Under current law, the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission, the State  
39 Librarian and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission serve for an indefinite term  
40 subject to removal for cause. This bill makes these officers serve at the pleasure of their

1        respective appointing authorities effective on and retroactive to January 1, 2021, but  
2        exempts any of these officers who were appointed before January 1, 2021 from this change.