

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 153

In Senate, March 4, 1919.

Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Metcalf of Piscataquis.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT Creating the Maine Historical Commission and Prescribing the Duties Thereof.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: Section I. The governor, by and with the advice and
2 consent of the council, shall appoint three persons, at least
3 one of whom shall be a member of the Maine Historical
4 Society and another a professor of some college within the
5 state of Maine, who shall constitute and be known as the
6 Maine Historical Commission, to serve without compen7 sation, except their traveling and other necessary expenses
8 which shall be audited by the state auditor and paid by
9 the state treasurer upon certificate of the state auditor, as
10 provided by law. One of these persons, as selected by the

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11 governor upon the first appointment, shall serve for three 12 years, one for two years and one for one year, and upon 13 the expiration of the terms of each his successor shall be 14 appointed for the term of three years. Any vacancy aris-15 ing before the expiration of a term of office shall be filled 16 by appointment by the governor for the residue of the 17 term. The board shall elect a president, and make such 18 rules and orders for the regulation of its business and 19 proceedings as it may deem necessary.

Sect. 2. When state aid shall be asked of the legislature 2 to assist in the publication, editing or compiling any man-3 uscripts, documents or writings pertaining to the history 4 of the state of Maine, such manuscripts, documents or 5 writings shall first be submitted to said commissioners to 6 examine and review, who thereupon shall forthwith report 7 to said legislature their approval or disapproval of, or 8 suggest any desired changes in the same.