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House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1933.

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Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wright of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-
THREE

AN ACT Creating an Art Commission.

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

Section 1. **Art commission created.** There shall be an art commission created for the state consisting of three members who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council; in the first instance one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, and thereafter one commissioner shall be appointed each year for a term of three years. The commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed necessary expenses to be paid from the appropriation of the executive department. The commission shall have power to adopt its own rules and regulations.

Sec. 2. **Powers and duties.** The commission shall act in an advisory capacity relative to the creation, acquisition, construction, erection or remodeling by the state of any work of art. The commission shall file with the governor, within thirty days, its opinion of such proposed work of art together with such suggestions and recommendations as it may deem proper. The term "work of art" as used in this section shall include any painting, portrait, mural decoration, stained glass, statue, tablet, basrelief, ornament, fountain or any other article or structure of a permanent character intended for decoration or commemoration.

The commission shall act in an advisory capacity relative to the artistic character of any building constructed, erected or remodeled by the state.

or upon land owned by the state, and when, upon request of the governor, there shall be submitted to said commission any plan relating to such construction, erection or remodeling of any such building, accompanied by designs, descriptions, specifications, drawings or models sufficient to enable the commission to determine the artistic character of such building, the commission shall file with the governor, within thirty days after such submission, its opinion of such proposed building together with such suggestions and recommendations as it may deem proper. The term building as used in this section, shall include structures intended for human occupation and use, and also bridges, arches, gates, walls or other permanent structures of any character.

No painting, portrait, statue or tablet shall be accepted or placed in the state house without the permission of the commission. The commission shall advise the superintendent of buildings where to hang paintings, portraits and pictures and where to place statues and other works of art.