

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 15, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed.  
Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Flanders of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Creating a Public Bequest Commission.**

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

**Sec. 1. Public bequest commission created.** A public bequest commission is hereby created which shall consist of the governor, the treasurer of state and the executive head of the department of health and welfare.

**Sec. 2. Powers of commission.** Said commission shall receive all bequests made by residents or nonresidents of this state, whether in person or by will, to help maintain such state institution or state department, as the donor or testator shall designate and when no such designation is made, said funds, and or, the income thereof as the said donor or testator shall provide shall be used in the department of health and welfare as said commissioners may see fit; but in all cases said use shall not be to enlarge the function of any such institution or department, but to ease the burden on the tax payer unless otherwise restricted or provided under the terms of said gift and or bequest and said commissioners or a majority of them may refuse said gift or gifts if the terms thereof are deemed not practical and or require an additional expense to the state.

**Sec. 3. Officers.** The governor shall be the chairman of the commis-

sion, the treasurer of state shall be its treasurer and the messenger to the governor shall be its secretary, all ex-officio without any additional salary.

**Sec. 4. Accounts to be audited.** All money and securities in the hands of the treasurer as treasurer of the commission shall be audited and inspected by the state auditor once annually.

**Sec. 5. Abstract of act to be printed in laws.** An abstract of this act and its provisions shall be printed on the back of the tax bill of all tax payers of the state either in the original print or by a legible impression by a rubber stamp and the act shall be printed on the inside cover of the acts and resolves of the state whenever published.