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House of Representatives, February 4, 1941.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sayward of Kennebunk by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Exempt from Taxation the Property of the Society for the
Preservation of New England Antiquities.**

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

Sec. 1. Powers, special. The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities shall have power to acquire by purchase, lease, gift, devise or bequest, real and personal property for the purposes for which it was incorporated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to a valuation such as now or hereafter may be authorized by said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to hold, dispose of and administer the same in trust or otherwise. No land acquired by said the society shall be sold unless the sale is authorized by a vote of said the society passed at a meeting duly called for the purpose, and if such land is situated in the state of Maine it shall not be sold without the approval of the judge of the probate court for the county in which the land is situated.

Sec. 2. General powers. The society shall have powers and privileges and be subject to the duties and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force in the state of Maine which are applicable to charitable corporations and are not inconsistent herewith. It shall be exempt from taxation to the same extent as are educational, literary, benevolent, scientific or charitable corporations.

Sec. 3. Further powers. The society may erect and maintain tablets, memorials and monuments to commemorate persons, places and events, and may acquire and maintain collections of books, autographs, photographs, medals, coins and other objects of historic or public interest. It may provide a place or places for the preservation of the same, and, in general, it shall have the right to do all acts which, in the opinion of its board of trustees, as from time to time constituted, are expedient for the purposes of the corporation.

Sec. 4. Resident agent. The society shall at all times maintain a resident agent (who shall be satisfactory to the state tax assessor of the state of Maine) within the state of Maine upon whom service of legal or equitable process may be made at all times in any action instituted on behalf of the state of Maine, or any duly qualified agent thereof, and such service of process shall be binding upon said the society.

Sec. 5. May charge admissions. The society shall make no charge to the public for admission to any place owned or controlled by the society in the state of Maine, in excess of such reasonable sums as in the aggregate may be found necessary to maintain the property there situated.