

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 31, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Charles of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Reestablishing the State Museum.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 38-A, §§ 8-A—8-B, additional.** Chapter 38-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 471 of the public laws of 1955, is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 8-A and 8-B, to read as follows:

**'State Museum.**

**Sec. 8-A. State Museum.** A State Museum shall be established in the basement of the south wing section of the State Capitol and such section shall be exclusively used for the museum, provided no other building or property is acquired in the future for a State Museum.

**Sec. 8-B. Maintenance.** The Department of Development of Industry and Commerce shall operate and maintain the State Museum; shall supervise, maintain, develop, collect and display items for the purpose of educating the general public on the historical values of Maine's cultural and natural resources, including gifts to the State.

All displays and exhibits used in the former State Museum, if available and in good condition, shall be returned to the State and used under the direction and supervision of the Department.

The Commissioner shall appoint, under the provisions of the Personnel Law, a full-time Curator and assistant.'

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958 to reestablish, remodel and maintain the State Museum and the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 for additional remodeling and maintenance.