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An Act To Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Arts Commission

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Presented by Representative McCLELLAN of Raymond. Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DeCHANT of Bath, HANLEY of Pittston, MAKER of Calais, POULIOT of Augusta, STETKIS of Canaan, TUELL of East Machias, Senator: EDGECOMB of Aroostook.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §410-A is enacted to read:
- 3 <u>§410-A. Private support organization</u>

1. Designation of private support organization. The Director of the Maine Arts
Commission shall designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization
for the Maine Arts Commission. The designated organization must be incorporated as a
nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State, and its sole purpose, as reflected in its
bylaws, must be to organize and foster support for the Maine Arts Commission and its
programs.

10 2. Member on board of directors. The Director of the Maine Arts Commission, or
11 the director's designee, shall serve as a member of the private support organization's
12 board of directors.

3. Plan of work. The Director of the Maine Arts Commission shall negotiate an
annual memorandum of understanding between the Maine Arts Commission and the
private support organization that outlines a plan of work identifying priority projects of
mutual benefit and cooperation.

4. Use of property. The Director of the Maine Arts Commission may permit the
appropriate use of fixed property, equipment and facilities of the Maine Arts Commission
by the private support organization. Such use must be directly in keeping with the
purpose of the private support organization as set out in subsection 1 and must comply
with all appropriate state policies and procedures.

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SUMMARY

This bill requires the Director of the Maine Arts Commission to designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization for the Maine Arts Commission to organize and foster support for the commission and its programs.