

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 28, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Romero) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the New York state archives partnership trust act, in
relation to authorizing the New York state archives partnership trust
fund to be used for the benefit of the New York state museum and the
New York state library

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 758 of the laws of 1992, constituting
2 the New York state archives partnership trust act, is amended by adding
3 a new section 9 to read as follows:

4 § 9. 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
5 purposes, powers and authorized expenditures of the trust board
6 prescribed in this act may be exercised for the benefit of the New York
7 state museum and the New York state library, in addition to the New York
8 state archives.

9 2. In addition to the powers of the trust board as prescribed in
10 section five of this act and expenditures authorized by section six of
11 this act, the powers and authorized expenditures of the trust board as
12 they relate to the New York state museum and the New York state library
13 shall include, but not be limited to:

14 a. the acquisition, preservation, conservation, management, and acces-
15 sibility of collections, records, objects, artifacts, specimens and
16 other materials of enduring historical, cultural, educational, scientif-
17 ic or governmental value held by, or intended for, the New York state
18 museum or the New York state library;

19 b. the support of research, exhibitions, interpretive initiatives,
20 educational programming, publications, and public programs related to
21 the collections, holdings, functions, and statutory missions of the New
22 York state museum and the New York state library; and

23 c. the acceptance, administration, investment and expenditure of
24 gifts, grants, donations, bequests and other assistance, including those
25 designated for specific purposes or projects.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 3. The director of the New York state museum and the New York state
2 librarian may, in collaboration with the director of the archives part-
3 nership trust and subject to the approval of the trust board, and pursu-
4 ant to a written agreement between the New York state archives partner-
5 ship trust and such entities, carry out in their official capacities and
6 consistent with the provisions of this act, activities necessary to
7 fulfill the purposes of the New York state archives partnership trust
8 fund as they relate to the New York state museum and the New York state
9 library, including but not limited to fundraising and program develop-
10 ment.

11 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter, diminish or
12 transfer the statutory authority, governance or operational control of
13 the New York state museum or the New York state library, or the authori-
14 ty of the board of regents or the commissioner of education, including,
15 but not limited to, authority over personnel, appointments, and employ-
16 ment decisions, which shall remain with such entities.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.