

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 216

House of Representatives, January 27, 1995

**Resolve, Creating the New England Regional Commission on Fiscal and Public Policy.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DORE of Auburn, ETNIER of Harpswell, GREEN of Monmouth, HATCH of Skowhegan, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MURPHY of Berwick, POVICH of Ellsworth, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TRUMAN of Biddeford.

2           **Sec. 1. New England Regional Commission on Fiscal and Public**  
3 **Policy established; purpose. Resolved:** That the New England Regional  
4 Commission on Fiscal and Public Policy, referred to in this  
5 resolve as the "commission," is established to develop fiscal and  
6 public policies that are beneficial to all New England states;  
7 and be it further

8           **Sec. 2. Appointment. Resolved:** That the commission consists  
9 of 6 members:

10           1. Three Senators, 2 Republicans and one Democrat,  
11 appointed by the President of the Senate; and

12           2. Three members of the House of Representatives, 2  
13 Republicans and one Democrats, appointed by the Speaker of the  
14 House of Representatives.

15           The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives shall coordinate their appointments and promptly  
17 notify the Legislative Council of the appointments; and be it  
18 further

19           **Sec. 3. Convening of the commission. Resolved:** That, when the  
20 appointment of the commission members is complete, the Executive  
21 Director of the Legislative Council shall call the first meeting  
22 no later than October 1, 1995. At the first meeting, the members  
23 shall elect a chair; and be it further

24           **Sec. 4. Interstate cooperation. Resolved:** That the commission is  
25 directed to cooperate fully with officials, Legislators and  
26 citizens of other New England states to develop fiscal and public  
27 policies that are beneficial to all New England states; and be it  
28 further

29           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall meet with  
30 members of the comparable commissions established by law within  
31 other New England states to:

32           1. Review fiscal and public policies of each participating  
33 state;

34           2. Assess the future demand for fiscal and public policies  
35 and develop a process to evaluate those policies;

36           3. Discuss and evaluate fiscal and public policies that may  
37 adversely affect a participating state; and

38           4. Recommend any legislation necessary to carry out the  
39 commission's findings.

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2 The participating commissions may adopt procedures and  
create subcommittees or advisory groups for conducting the  
commission's business; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall report  
annually to the Legislature and the Governor the results of its  
efforts, including any recommendations to carry out the purpose  
8 of the commission. The commission may submit implementing  
legislation with an annual report; and be it further

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12 **Sec. 7. Assistance. Resolved:** That the commission may seek  
staffing assistance and consult state departments with expertise  
in subjects pertinent to the commission's purpose; and be it  
14 further

16 **Sec. 8. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the  
commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the  
18 legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,  
Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at commission  
20 meetings; and be it further

22 **Sec. 9. Expiration of commission; final report. Resolved:** That  
upon the conclusion of the commission's duties or no later than  
24 December 1, 1996, the commission shall submit its final report  
and, if necessary, legislation to extend the commission; and be  
26 it further

28 **Sec. 10. Reciprocal legislation. Resolved:** That this resolve  
becomes effective only if similar legislation is enacted by at  
30 least one other New England state; and be it further

32 **Sec. 11. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
34 this resolve.

36 **1995-96**                      **1996-97**

38 **LEGISLATURE**

40 **New England Regional Commission  
on Fiscal and Public Policy**

42                      Personal Services                      \$2,970                      \$1,650  
44                      All Other                                      3,200                      2,000

46                      Provides for the  
48                      appropriation of funds to the  
New England Regional  
Commission on Fiscal and  
50                      Public Policy for the per

2 diem and travel expenses of  
the members and for  
4 miscellaneous commission  
expenses. This appropriation  
is restricted for this use  
6 only. If no other New  
England state enacts similar  
8 legislation, these funds may  
not be transferred or  
10 expended for any other  
purpose and lapse to the  
12 General Fund at the end of  
fiscal year 1996-97.

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16 **LEGISLATURE**  
**TOTAL**

\$6,170

\$3,650

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### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This resolve creates the New England Regional Commission on  
Fiscal and Public Policy to develop fiscal and public policies  
24 that benefit the New England states, all of which are eligible to  
participate.

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