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An Act to Create the State Government Information Clearinghouse

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Representatives: PINGREE of North Haven, SIMPSON of Auburn, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senator: HALL of Lincoln.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §284-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§284-A. State Government Information Clearinghouse**

8 The State Government Information Clearinghouse, referred to
10 in this section as the "clearinghouse," is established to assist
12 members of the public in accessing the resources of State
14 Government. Each state agency, as defined in Title 10, section
16 9502, shall designate a person to assist members of the public
18 and shall report this designation to the Commissioner of
Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's
designee. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial
Services or the commissioner's designee shall maintain a central
telephone number for the clearinghouse that members of the public
may call for assistance in accessing the resources of State
Government.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill establishes the State Government Information
24 Clearinghouse to assist members of the public in accessing the
26 resources of State Government. Each state agency shall designate
28 a person to assist members of the public and shall report this
30 designation to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial
32 Services or the commissioner's designee. The Commissioner of
Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's
designee shall maintain a central telephone number that members
of the public may call for assistance in accessing the resources
of State Government.