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House of Representatives, February 15, 2005

An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Legislature

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative BOWEN of Rockport. Cosponsored by Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, JOY of Crystal, MOULTON of York, PINGREE of North Haven, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§11, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 590, §4, is amended to read:

 6 11. Legislative equipment and supplies. To provide necessary furniture, stationery and other supplies and equipment
8 for the use of the members, committees, agencies and offices of the Legislature. Beginning January 2006, the Legislative Council
10 shall provide laptop computers for all Legislators;

12 Sec. 2. Laptop computers. The Legislative Council shall negotiate for laptop computers consistent with the provisions in 14 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 162, subsection 11 in a similar way as school laptop computers were procured. The laptop computers must include the most current business and word 16 processing software, and wireless Internet and e-mail access. After laptop computers have been provided to all Legislators, the 18 daily calendar, all bills and amendments, committee documents and all memos and announcements must be provided electronically. 20 Savings in printing must be used to fund the purchase of laptop If additional funding is needed, the funds must be 22 computers. generated by savings from reductions made to out-of-state travel 24 for Legislators and other cuts to the budget for the Legislature.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the Legislative Council to contract for

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laptop computers for all Legislators. The computers will include word processing software, Internet and e-mail access. Savings in printing and, if necessary, out-of-state travel will be used to fund the computer purchase.

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