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126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 996

House of Representatives, April 10, 2013

Resolve, Directing the Attorney General To Confer with Tribal Governments To Establish Procedures Regarding the Tribal Provisions of the Federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and

Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BERRY of Bowdoinham, CAREY of Lewiston, FREDETTE of Newport, MAKER of Calais, PRIEST of Brunswick,

VILLA of Harrison, Senator: CAIN of Penobscot.

Sec. 1. Attorney General to confer with tribal governments to establish procedures regarding tribal provisions of the federal Violence Against Women Act. Resolved: That the Attorney General shall confer with representatives of the government of federally recognized tribes in the State that have tribal domestic violence programs that serve their communities, and with tribal court judges, tribal court personnel and domestic violence advocates, to establish procedures and coordinate with the State concerning newly enacted tribal provisions of the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and to provide services to victims of domestic violence; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2014, the Attorney General shall issue a report on the procedures and coordination established with tribal governments in section 1 and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may report out a bill based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

15 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Attorney General to consult with federally recognized tribes in the State that have tribal domestic violence programs to establish procedures and coordinate with the State concerning the newly enacted tribal provisions of the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and to provide services to victims of domestic violence. The Attorney General is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by January 1, 2014.