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Date: *6/13/25* *Minority* L.D. 184 (Filing No. H- *726*)

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 117, L.D. 184, "Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process"

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "That" the following: ', notwithstanding Joint Rule 353,'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "7" and inserting the following: '9'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 4 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 5 in the first line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "designee." and inserting the following: 'designee; and'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by inserting after subsection 5 the following:

'6. Two members of the judicial branch, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.'

Amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "quickly" and inserting the following: 'in appropriate circumstances'

Amend the resolve in section 7 in the 4th line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by inserting after the first occurrence of the following: "Development" the following: 'and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary'

Amend the resolve in section 7 in the 4th line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "is" and inserting the following: 'and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary are'

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment adds to the study commission created in the bill 2 members of the judicial branch, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. The amendment clarifies that the commission must consider how to make foreclosed property available for sale in appropriate circumstances. Finally, the amendment directs the commission to submit a report to both the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and authorizes each committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

## FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 184

LR 386(02)

## Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment **A (H-726)**

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

#### Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 in fiscal year 2025-26. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2026-2027 biennium includes \$22,196 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$8,265 in projected balances from fiscal year 2024-25 and \$33,073 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

##### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority associated with the Director or the Director's designee serving on the commission can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.