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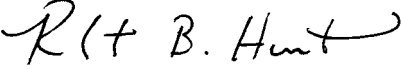
No. 273

H.P. 176

House of Representatives, January 28, 2025

An Act to Preserve Legislative Authority over Investigating Committees

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot and
Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, HENDERSON of Rumford, LOOKNER of Portland,
MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, POIRIER of Skowhegan, ROEDER of Bangor, SINCLAIR of Bath,
SUPICA of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §411**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 593, §3, is amended to read:

3 **§411. Creation**

4 ~~Whenever~~ When the Legislature delegates to a committee the power to administer
5 oaths, issue subpoenas and take depositions in connection with any study or investigation,
6 ~~such that~~ committee ~~shall~~ automatically ~~become~~ becomes an investigating committee for
7 the purpose of ~~such~~ the study or investigation and ~~shall be~~ is subject to the provisions of
8 this chapter, whether or not ~~such that~~ power is ~~utilized~~ used by the committee in the course
9 of ~~such~~ the study or investigation. When the Legislature delegates to a committee the
10 power to administer oaths, issue subpoenas and take depositions, the Legislature has the
11 sole authority to determine the membership and scope of that committee.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill amends the laws governing legislative investigating committees to provide
14 that when the Legislature delegates to a committee the power to administer oaths, issue
15 subpoenas and take depositions, the Legislature has the sole authority to determine the
16 membership and scope of that committee.