

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A"

EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 82

House of Representatives, February 9, 1921.

Tabled pending adoption by Mr. Maher of Augusta and 500 copies of the amendment and the order ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brewster of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

House Amendment "A" to Joint Order Relating to Appointment of a Committee for Investigation of Legislative Enactments Relating to Expenditures of Money by Department of State.

Amend said order by striking out the word "three" where 2 it appears and inserting the word 'seven' in its place.

Whereas, the expenditures of the state have increased sev- 2 eral fold during the last twenty years and,

Whereas, the state is now assuming many of the burdens 2 formerly borne by municipalities and individuals, and

Whereas, the policy of the state to extend its benevolences 2 has been long established, and

Whereas, the present tax levies of state, county and municipality combined are becoming grievous and burdensome to our citizens, and

Whereas, it may be possible to obtain some relief upon proper investigation,

Now therefore, be it ordered, the Senate concurring, that a special committee of three on the part of the House, with as many as the Senate may join, be appointed to investigate all existing legislative enactments relating to the expenditure of money by the various departments of the state, and collate such expenditures over a period of years, and report, to the governor and council not later than April first, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, with such recommendations as may seem proper, and that the governor be requested to communicate to the eighty-first legislature, as soon as convenient after the assembling of said Eighty-first legislature, such recommendations as he may deem proper regarding the financial affairs of the state.

Said committee shall have authority to employ all necessary clerical assistance and shall publish their report and recommendations. All expenses pertaining to said investigation shall be paid by the governor and council out of the contingent fund of the state.