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Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission within 45 days. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall meet to review, study and analyze existing scientific literature and data on storm water pollution gathered from stakeholder input and how it has affected or potentially will affect the State's valuable waters, habitats and species along the coast and shall:

1. Compile and review data regarding the actual and potential effects of storm water pollution on public and environmental health;
2. Identify and develop strategies to address knowledge gaps that hinder the State's ability to craft law, policy and other responses to mitigate storm water pollution;
3. Identify pollutants of concern that are not effectively managed through state and federal storm water laws and rules, including, but not limited to, chloride pollution, and recommend strategies to address those identified pollutants;
4. Identify and recommend strategies to address storm water pollution associated with development that is not effectively managed through state and federal storm water laws and rules, including through the municipal separate storm sewer system general permitting process, or through other regulatory tools; and
5. Identify barriers, such as staffing and budget, to adopting the necessary policies and tools to properly address storm water pollution to protect public health, water quality, essential habitats and commercially important species.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

Sec. 7. Outside funding. Resolved: That the commission may seek financial contributions to fund the costs of the study. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies.

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall submit a re-

port of its findings and recommendations to date, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 related to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 167

S.P. 301 - L.D. 760

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Residential Community Ownership Associations by Adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Study the Need to Codify or Recodify Laws Regarding Residential Community Ownership Associations by Adopting the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 12 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including at least one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
3. One member of the Maine State Bar Association with a substantial practice in condominium or community ownership association law, appointed by the President of the Senate;
4. One member representing the real estate development community, appointed by the President of the Senate;
5. One member from an association representing municipalities in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;
6. One member of the Maine State Bar Association with a substantial practice in condominium or community ownership association law who represents the New England Chapter of the Community Associations Institute, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

7. One member representing the State's lending community, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

8. One member representing condominium owners or homeowners in community ownership associations in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

9. One member of the Commission on Uniform State Laws, as established by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-K, subsection 8, appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business. The commission may conduct its meetings through remote participation.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall:

1. Review data on existing condominium and non-condominium community ownership associations in the State;

2. Review state statutes that govern and case law that affects condominium and noncondominium community ownership association developments in the State;

3. Review efforts in other states to address problems with community ownership associations; and

4. Consider whether the adoption of the Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act or other laws may be suitable for the State.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters. The joint standing committee of the Legisla-

ture having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters may submit legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Sec. 8. Outside funding. Resolved: That the commission shall seek funding contributions to fully fund the costs of the study. All funding is subject to approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies. If sufficient contributions to fund the study have not been received within 30 days after the effective date of this resolve, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be incurred or reimbursed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 168

S.P. 740 - L.D. 1870

Resolve, to Assess the Total Cost to the State of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection; assessment of cost to State of greenhouse gas emissions; report. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct an assessment of the costs to the State of the emission of greenhouse gases for the period that began on January 1, 1995 and ended on December 31, 2024. The department may contract with a consultant to conduct the assessment required by this section. The assessment must include:

1. A summary of the various cost-driving effects of greenhouse gas emissions on the State, including effects on public health, natural resources, biodiversity, agriculture, economic development, flood preparedness and safety, and any other effect that the department determines is relevant;

2. A categorized calculation of the costs that have been incurred and are projected to be incurred by the State of each of the effects identified under subsection 1; and

3. A categorized calculation of the costs that have been incurred and are projected to be incurred by the State to abate the effects of greenhouse gas emissions from between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 2024 on the State and residents of the State.

On or before January 1, 2028, the department shall submit a report containing the results of the assessment conducted pursuant to this section to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, labor matters, judiciary matters and energy, utilities and technology matters. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction