

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1108

H. P. 909

House of Representatives, March 18, 1975

Referred to Committee on Performance Audit. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, to Study the State Budget Process, Including a Change in the Fiscal Year, Annual Sessions for Budgets and Emergencies and the Form and Time for Budget Submissions.

Study the state budget process and make recommendations. Resolved: That the Legislative Council through the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs is requested to study the present budget process and recommend such further changes as it deems necessary and the means by which those changes may be most expeditiously effected. The Department of Finance and Administration is directed to cooperate with the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs in said study and to provide such assistance as may be requested by the committee. A report of the study, together with recommendations and legislation deemed necessary is to be made to a special session of the 107th Legislature.

The study shall contain, but not be limited to, the following matters:

1. The state budget process, including the present budget cycle, when agencies are required to submit budget requests for the next biennium and when the Governor is required to submit the budget to the Legislature; and
2. The impact of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, which makes October 1st the beginning of the federal fiscal year; and
3. The fiscal year of local communities and special districts and the information they require from the State and the State's ability to provide said information when needed; and

4. The possible further automation of the budget process, following adoption of program budgeting, to provide for qualitative analysis and long-range or life cycle forecasting; and
5. The time allowed for the Governor-elect to prepare the budget before submission to the Legislature; and
6. The form of the budget submission to the Legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs to study the budget process and report its findings to a special session of the 107th Legislature.