

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 996**

H. P. 892

House of Representatives, February 26, 1981

Reported by Representative LaPlante from Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Reported from the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government under Joint Rule 18, pursuant to Resolves 1979, c. 54. Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 18.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

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**RESOLVE, Requiring the State Planning Office to Conduct an Educational Program on Manufactured Housing, and Directing the Committee on Local and County Government to Monitor and Report on the Program.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, safe and suitable housing is both a need and a right of individual Maine citizens and families; and

Whereas, the Review Committee on Manufactured Housing has conducted a study as directed by the Resolves of 1979, chapter 54, and has made certain recommendations to the Committee on Local and County Government; and

Whereas, the review committee has determined that there are areas of concern within certain municipal ordinances and recommends a program of education and assistance in order to resolve those concerns; and

Whereas, such a program will require 6 to 8 months and the Committee on Local and County Government needs to review the progress of such a program in December, 1981; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Manufactured housing education and oversight program. Resolved:** That the State Planning Office, with the assistance of the Manufactured Housing Board and the Division of Health Engineering shall conduct an educational program for municipalities on ordinances pertaining to manufactured housing, providing them with information on the pertinent case law and statutes as well as the results of the 1980 study by the Review Committee on Manufactured Housing. The State Planning Office shall invite the Maine Municipal Association and the Manufactured Housing Association and Institute for the Northeast to assist and participate in this program; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the State Planning Office shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government, by November 1st, 1981, on the activities conducted under this program, and on the response of the municipalities; and be it further

**Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government shall monitor the progress of municipal ordinances on manufactured housing, and, in December 1981, shall review that progress, reconsider the necessity for state legislation concerning the siting of manufactured housing, and report their findings to the Second Regular Session of the 110th Legislature, including recommended legislation, if appropriate.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this resolve is to provide a continuing process to follow up on the 1980 manufactured housing study by providing to municipalities information that they may find useful in evaluating and reconsidering their ordinances on manufactured housing, and by providing legislative oversight over that process.

The intended scale of the educational program is modest, so that it should be carried out within the regular budget of the State Planning Office and not require an additional appropriation.

The emergency preamble will allow the process to start as soon as possible, and continue the momentum provided by the recent study.