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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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18 Resolve, Creating a Joint Select Committee on
19 Economic Development.
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21 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves
22 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
23 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
24 and

25 Whereas, there are a number of economic develop-
26 ment organizations and several other agencies and or-
27 ganizations that have a substantial impact upon eco-
28 nomic development in the State of Maine; and

29 Whereas, there is very little coordination of
30 programs and activities among the economic develop-
31 ment organizations, the several other agencies and
32 departments that significantly affect economic growth
33 or between the 2 types of organizations; and

34 Whereas, there are no stated specific goals, ob-
35 jectives or strategies to efficiently and effectively

1 direct the State's many organizations and agencies,
2 which affect economic development to achieve a defin-
3 able or consistent purpose; and

4 Whereas, there is duplication of programs and
5 services provided by the many departments and organi-
6 zations which have a significant impact upon economic
7 growth and development of the State; and

8 Whereas, that new or expanding businesses have
9 needs which are not now met by these departments and
10 organizations; and

11 Whereas, the public and business community have
12 inadequate knowledge of the services and programs of-
13 fered by the myriad of economic development organiza-
14 tions; and

15 Whereas, there may be significant costs to the
16 State as a result of duplication of programs and ac-
17 tivities, unmet needs and inconsistencies among the
18 objective and operation of these agencies and organi-
19 zations that affect economic development; and

20 Whereas, it is essential for a study committee to
21 begin as soon as possible to examine the issues
22 raised by the inadequate coordination of and the du-
23 plication of economic development programs and report
24 its findings to the Second Regular Session of the
25 112th Legislature; and

26 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
27 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
28 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
29 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
30 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
31 therefore, be it

32 **Joint Select Committee on Economic Development;**
33 **establishment. Resolved:** That a joint select commit-
34 tee on economic developement hereinafter referred to
35 as the committee, is established to consist of the
36 following 15 persons: Five members appointed by the
37 President of the Senate of whom 4 may be senators and
38 at least one who represents the private sector; 5
39 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
40 resentatives of whom 4 may be representatives and at

1 least one who represents the private sector; and 5
2 members appointed by the Governor of whom 2 members
3 represent State Government and 3 members represent
4 the private sector; and be it further

5 **Resolved:** That the members of the committee in-
6 cluding legislators and excepting representatives of
7 executive agencies or departments, be paid a per diem
8 at the same rate as Legislators, as defined in the
9 Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2. Legislators
10 serving on the committee shall not be paid a per diem
11 for committee meetings while the Legislature is con-
12 vened in session and for which Legislators are col-
13 lecting legislative per diem; and be it further

14 **Resolved:** That members representing the private
15 sector shall be paid at a rate normally paid to state
16 employees for expenses, including travel, meals and
17 lodging for meetings and hearings of the committee.
18 Legislative members of the committee shall be paid
19 expenses, as defined in the Revised Statutes, Title
20 3, section 2, for meetings and hearings held outside
21 Augusta while the Legislature is in session. When
22 the Legislature has adjourned, the legislative mem-
23 bers shall be paid the statutorily defined expenses
24 for meetings and hearings held in or outside Augusta.
25 Members representing executive agencies or depart-
26 ments shall be paid expenses from the budget of the
27 agency or department that the members represent; and
28 be it further

29 **Resolved:** That the committee undertake the fol-
30 lowing tasks:

31 1. Prepare measurable economic development goals
32 and objectives and an economic development strategy
33 for the State by which each department or agency of
34 State Government shall comply;

35 2. Propose a structure or other means by which
36 the programs and activities of each economic develop-
37 ment organization, including other executive agencies
38 that have a significant impact on economic develop-
39 ment shall be coordinated; and

40 3. Study the effectiveness of existing services
41 offered by state agencies to small business and pro-

pose changes in or alternatives to these services as deemed necessary; and be it further

Resolved: That the chairperson of the Legislative Council call the first meeting no later than 10 days following the appointment of 10 members of the committee. At the first meeting, the committee shall elect its own chairperson, develop an approach and a schedule by which the purpose and issues as set forth in this order may be achieved and determine the location of each hearing held to obtain information for the formulation of an economic development strategy and economic development goals and objectives; and be it further

Resolved: That the committee hold a minimum of 4 hearings throughout the State at a time convenient to the public to obtain information for an economic development strategy and for economic development goals and objectives for Maine. The committee may hold hearings in a manner deemed practicable to submit proposals to the public for public evaluation; and be it further

Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall allocate from the legislative account, moneys deemed sufficient by the council to achieve the purposes of this order. The Legislative Administrative Director, at each scheduled meeting, except public hearings, shall provide the committee with an account of the moneys expended by the committee and the remaining moneys available for use by the committee up to the date of each meeting. Members of the committee shall submit their vouchers of expenses no later than 2 weeks from the date the expense is incurred in order to qualify for reimbursement; and be it further

Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide staff for the committee; and be it further

Resolved: That all agencies and departments of State Government shall cooperate with the committee and shall expeditiously provide the committee with the information and materials that it needs; and be it further

Resolved: That the committee make its final report including recommended legislation to the 112th Legislature on February 3, 1986.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this resolve, is to establish a 15 member joint select committee to study Maine's economic development agencies for the purpose of coordinating the many programs and activities of these agencies. Included in this coordination of programs and activities are executive agencies which are not economic development agencies per se, but which have a significant impact upon economic development.

The committee composed of a minimum of 5 members from the private sector along with Legislators, and 2 representatives of executive agencies will undertake the study immediately and report its findings and recommendations as well as implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

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