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1 (EMERGENCY)
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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8 H.P. 77

House of Representatives, January 17, 1985

9 Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on State Government
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11 Reported by Representative Gwadosky from the Committee on State
Government and printed under Joint Rule 19.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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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, Requiring the Bureau of Public
19 Improvements to Study and Evaluate
20 Various Alternatives for Centrally
21 Locating the Several Economic
22 Development Agencies of the State
23 Within a Single Facility.
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25 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves
26 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
27 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
28 and

29 Whereas, the Joint Standing Committee on State
30 Government of the 111th Legislature discerned a sub-
31 stantial lack of coordination and cooperation among
32 the several economic development agencies of the
33 State; and

34 Whereas, the lack of coordination and cooperation
35 reflects, in part, the scattered locations of the
36 several economic development organizations of the

1 State; and

2 Whereas, the centralization of the several eco-
3 nomic development agencies within a single facility
4 will facilitate better interagency communication and
5 provide much greater convenience to business people;
6 and

7 Whereas, the Bureau of Public Improvements has
8 studied the alternative to construct a new building,
9 but alternatives to new construction exist which will
10 require considerable study; and

11 Whereas, the 90-day delayed effective date of
12 legislation will provide insufficient time for the
13 Joint Standing Committee on State Government to eval-
14 uate the information and data provided by the Bureau
15 of Public Improvements in order to make a recommenda-
16 tion to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Leg-
17 islature; and

18 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
19 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
20 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
21 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
22 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 Bureau of Public Improvements to conduct study.
25 Resolved: That the Bureau of Public Improvements
26 study various alternatives by which the several eco-
27 nomic development organizations of the State may be
28 centrally located in order to facilitate
29 interorganization communication and to provide much
30 greater convenience for issues of these organiza-
31 tions; and be it further

32 Report to the Joint Standing Committee on State
33 Government. Resolved: That the Bureau of Public Im-
34 provements report its information, data, findings and
35 recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on
36 State Government no later than June 1, 1985; and be
37 it further

38 Report to the Legislature. Resolved: That the
39 Joint Standing Committee on State Government evaluate
40 the information and materials provided by the Bureau

1 of Public Improvements and conduct any other research
2 on this issue as the committee deems necessary, and
3 report its findings and recommendations, including
4 any necessary implementing legislation to the Second
5 Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 In its study on economic development agencies in
3 Maine, the Joint Standing Committee on State Govern-
4 ment found that there is little coordination of pro-
5 grams and activities among these organizations. In
6 addition, the general public is confused by the num-
7 ber of different organizations located in different
8 facilities.

9 The intent of this bill, in part, is to encourage
10 more communication among the various economic devel-
11 opment agencies of the State, and to provide more
12 convenience to the general public and clients of
13 these agencies. To accomplish this end, this bill
14 proposes that the Bureau of Public Improvements study
15 various alternatives for centrally locating these
16 agencies within a single building. Although the Bu-
17 reau of Public Improvements has studied the concept
18 and developed plans for the construction of a build-
19 ing to house the several agencies, there are alterna-
20 tives to new construction that need to be considered.

21 According to this bill, the Bureau of Public Im-
22 provements will study the several alternatives for
23 centrally locating the state's economic development
24 agencies, and report its findings to the Joint Stand-
25 ing Committee on State Government no later than June
26 1, 1985. The Joint Standing Committee on State Gov-
27 ernment will study the report and issue its findings
28 and any necessary implementing legislation to the
29 Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

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