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(After Deadline)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document No. 2344

S.P. 935 In Senate, April 4, 1986

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed. Sent forthwith for concurrence.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Tuttle of York.

Cosponsored by Senator Violette of Aroostook, Representative McHenry of Madawaska and Representative Hale of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Maintain Unemployment Offices.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1083, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Legislative oversight. No office established pursuant to this section may be closed until the commissioner has notified the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor. No closure may be effective until 91 days after the adjournment of the next regular session of the Legislature which adjourns after the commissioner's notice.

Sec. 2. Application. Any office established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1083, which closed on or after January 1, 1986, shall be reopened until the provisions of this Act have been met.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill enables legislative oversight of proposed closings of employment security offices.

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The purpose of this bill is to keep the existing state unemployment offices in the communities of Sanford and Madawaska open for a one-year period. At present, the Madawaska office involves 5 employees and an annual operating budget of \$140,562, October 1st to September 30th. At the Sanford office, there are 4 employees at an annual operating cost of \$107,558, October 1st to September 30th.

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Other offices being considered for closure are located in Calais, Skowhegan, Brunswick, Ellsworth, Rumford, Waterville and Rockland.

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This bill provides for legislative oversight over the closure process of such offices with provisions for notice to and reaction by the Legislature.

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