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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, Senator TUTTLE of York, Representative CARROLL of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Establish the Maine Legislative
2 Commission on Intergovernmental
3 Relations.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1. 3 MRSA c. 13, as amended, is repealed.

8 Sec. 2. 3 MRSA c. 13-A is enacted to read:

9 CHAPTER 13-A

10 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

11 §281. Establishment of commission

1 The Legislative Commission on Intergovernmental
2 Relations, as established by Title 5, section 12004,
3 subsection 12, shall be composed of 6 regular mem-
4 bers. The President of the Senate shall appoint 2
5 members from the Senate and one local government of-
6 ficial. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 2
7 members from the House and one local government offi-
8 cial.

9 §282. Term of office

10 The members of the Senate and House shall hold
11 office from the date of their appointment until the
12 final adjournment of session of the Legislature for
13 which they were elected. The municipal officials
14 shall serve 2-year terms, so long as they hold munic-
15 ipal office.

16 §283. Organization and procedure

17 The commission shall elect a member to be its
18 chairman. The commission may draw upon the services
19 of the State Planning Office, the Office of Policy an
20 Legal Analysis and the Office of Fiscal and Program
21 Review. The commission may enact such rules govern-
22 ing its procedure and conduct of its affairs as it
23 may see fit.

24 §284. Functions

25 It shall be the function of the commission to:

26 1. Consideration of common problems. Bring to-
27 gether representatives of the Federal Government,
28 State Government and local government for considera-
29 tion of common problems;

30 2. Forum. Provide a forum for discussing the
31 administration and coordination of federal and state
32 grant programs;

33 3. Information. Make available information to
34 the executive and legislative branches of State Gov-
35 ernment and county and municipal governments in the
36 review of proposed and existing legislation to deter-
37 mine the overall effect on all levels of government;

1 4. Discussion and study. Encourage discussion
2 and study at an early stage of emerging public prob-
3 lems that are likely to require intergovernmental co-
4 operation;

5 5. Allocation of governmental functions. Recom-
6 mend the most desirable allocation of governmental
7 functions, responsibilities and revenues among the
8 several levels of government;

9 6. Tax laws. Recommend methods of coordinating
10 and simplifying tax laws and administrative practices
11 to achieve a more orderly and less competitive fiscal
12 relationship between the levels of government and to
13 reduce the burden of compliance for taxpayers;

14 7. Legislation. Recommend to the Federal Gov-
15 ernment changes in present federal laws and to recom-
16 mend any new legislation the commission deems advisa-
17 ble; and

18 8. Cooperate with other agencies. Work with na-
19 tional and local organizations, including, but not
20 limited to, the National Conference of State Legisla-
21 tures, the National League of Cities, the United
22 States Conference of Mayors, the Maine Municipal As-
23 sociation and other public and private organizations.

24 §285. Meetings; hearings; committees

25 The commission shall hold meetings quarterly and
26 at such other times as it considers necessary. The
27 commission shall hold hearings from time to time on
28 matters that it considers to be in the public inter-
29 est. The commission may have the power to establish
30 such delegations and committees as it considers ad-
31 visable, whose members may or may not be made up from
32 the members of the commission, from state officials
33 or from private citizens, the delegations or commit-
34 tees to be charged with the duty of conferring and
35 formulating proposals concerning effective means to
36 secure intergovernmental harmony and of performing
37 such other functions for the commission as it may
38 from time to time require.

39 §286. Reports; compensation

