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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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1987. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
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JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Augusta, Senator
SEWALL of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Concerning the Commission to
2 Implement the Computerization of Criminal
3 History Record Information.
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5 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
6 lature do not become effective until 90 days after
7 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

8 Whereas, Private and Special Law 1985, chapter
9 135, creating the Commission to Implement the
10 Computerization of Criminal History Record Informa-
11 tion, called for a final report by the commission to
12 the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature
13 by January 15, 1988; and

14 Whereas, the commission requires additional time
15 to oversee the development and implementation of an
16 effective computerized system; and

1 Provides funds to allow
2 the commission to con-
3 tract for technical as-
4 sistance. The firm or
5 individual receiving
6 the contract will be
7 responsible for assist-
8 ing the commission in
9 writing a master plan
10 and for coordinating
11 the implementation of
12 the computerized crimi-
13 nal history record sys-
14 tem between all state
15 and local agencies in-
16 volved. This appropri-
17 ation shall carry for-
18 ward to June 30, 1989.

19 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
20 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
21 proved.

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

23 The Commission to Implement the Computerization
24 of Criminal History Record Information was created in
25 1986 in order to oversee a cost-effective and effi-
26 cient computerized criminal history records informa-
27 tion system that would satisfy the needs of the vari-
28 ous users representing the areas of law enforcement,
29 corrections and the judiciary. Due to the complexity
30 of the task, the development and implementation of
31 this system will exceed original target dates.

32 The commission is requesting an additional year
33 to continue its investigation of the automation and
34 computerization of the State's criminal history
35 records. Rather than submitting its report and rec-
36 ommendations to the Second Regular Session of the
37 113th Legislature, the commission would submit its
38 final report and recommendations in January, 1989, to
39 the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature.

40 The commission is also requesting a \$15,000 Gen-

1 eral Fund appropriation in order to contract with an
2 independent computer consultant who would provide the
3 commission and participating state and local agencies
4 with needed technical assistance.

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