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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 790, L.D. 2078,  
8 Bill, "AN ACT to Expand the Membership and Clarify the  
9 Role of the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations."

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Amend the Bill by striking out all of the  
11 emergency preamble.

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Further amend the Bill in section 1, by striking  
13 out all of that part designated "§271." and inserting  
14 in its place the following:

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'§271. Establishment of commission

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The Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, as  
17 established by Title 5, chapter 379, shall be composed  
18 of 19 regular members. The Governor shall appoint 2  
19 representatives of county government, 2  
20 representatives of municipal government and 2  
21 executive branch officials. The remaining members  
22 shall be appointed jointly by the President of the  
23 Senate and the Speaker of the House as follows: Five  
24 members of the Legislature; 3 representatives of  
25 county government; 3 representatives of municipal  
26 government; one representative of the Maine Municipal  
27 Association; and one representative of the Maine  
28 County Commissioners Association. Three legislative  
29 members shall be from the majority party and 2 from  
30 the minority party. All 16 counties shall be  
31 represented among the commission's membership. Each  
32 person required to make an appointment or appointments  
33 under this Act shall make the appointment or  
34 appointments by December 1, 1988, and shall inform the

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1 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the  
2 Executive Director of the Legislative Council and the  
3 Governor upon making the appointment or appointments.'

4 Further amend the Bill in section 5, in that part  
5 designated "\$275." by inserting after the first  
6 sentence (page 4, line 10 in L.D.) the following:

7 'The Chairman of the Legislative Council shall call  
8 the commission together for this first meeting.'

9 Further amend the Bill by inserting after section  
10 6 the following:

11 'Sec. 7. Work plan. By May 1, 1989, the  
12 commission shall have reviewed the functions outlined  
13 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 274  
14 and shall make a report to the joint standing  
15 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
16 state and local government in which is indicated  
17 recommendations for adding to or deleting from this  
18 list, a prioritizing among the functions and a  
19 specific work plan for the next year, including, as  
20 far as possible, measurable objectives and a  
21 timetable. The report shall include a time and cost  
22 proposal for developing a system to monitor local  
23 fiscal developments.

24 This report shall also include the amount and  
25 level of any staffing necessary to carry out the  
26 commission's function, the desired number of meeting  
27 dates in the next year and recommendations as to  
28 commission compensation.

29 In the preparation of this report, the commission  
30 shall review "State/Local Relations: The Case for an  
31 ACIR or Other Similar Organization" Harry A. Green,  
32 Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental  
33 Relations.

34 If staff assistance is needed in preparation of  
35 this interim report, it shall be requested from, and  
36 if requested, supplied by the Governor. In  
37 preparation of this report, staff personal designated  
38 by the Governor shall consult with appropriate  
39 legislative staff.'

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1 Further amend the Bill in section 7, by striking  
2 out all of the 8th line (page 5, line 8 in L.D.) and  
3 inserting in its place the following:

4 'All Other \$5,000'

5 Further amend the Bill by renumbering the sections  
6 to read consecutively.

7 Further amend the Bill by striking out the  
8 emergency clause.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This amendment makes the following changes:

11 1. Membership. Adds 2 executive branch officials  
12 and requires that 2 of the legislative representatives  
13 be from the minority party. Should the 2 legislative  
14 bodies have different parties in the minority,  
15 legislative leadership is to determine the issue of  
16 party representation;

17 2. Administrative issues. Adds several  
18 provisions to bring the commission's administration  
19 into conformity with Legislative Council guidelines;

20 3. Work Plan. Requires presentation of a work  
21 plan, with measurable objectives and time schedule  
22 when possible, to the Joint Standing Committee on  
23 State and Local Government by May 1, 1989. This plan  
24 is to include recommendations as to permanent staff,  
25 commission compensation and desired number of  
26 meetings. This plan is to include the time and costs  
27 for developing a data base which would allow a report  
28 on the financial status of local governments. In the  
29 completion of this plan, the commission is directed to  
30 review a document prepared by the Director of  
31 Tennessee's Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental  
32 Relations in his role as a member of the National  
33 Council of State Legislatures Task Force on  
34 State/Local Relations. This document is available  
35 from the National Council of State Legislatures;

36 4. Emergency. Removes the emergency nature of

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1 the bill, since the first meeting of the commission is  
2 not to take place until January 1989; and

3 5. Appropriation. Adjusts the amount  
4 appropriated to the commission to reflect the later  
5 starting date.

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