

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

Legislative Document

No. 887

H.P. 653

House of Representatives, March 22, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PRIEST of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representative CONLEY of Portland, Representative MAYO of Thomaston and Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Public Financing of State Elections.

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1 **Commission established; study. Resolved:** That there is
3 established the Commission to Study Public Financing of State
5 Elections. The commission shall study the existing method of
7 election financing and explore alternative mechanisms for the
public financing of any primary, general or special election for
state or county offices; and be it further

9 **Membership; appointment; chair. Resolved:** That the commission
11 shall be comprised of the following 13 members: six Legislators,
13 3 of whom shall be Senators to be appointed by the President of
15 the Senate and 3 of whom shall be members of the House of
Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; 6
members to be appointed by the Governor; and one member to be
appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker
of the House, who shall serve as chair of the commission; and be
it further

17 **Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the commission
19 who are Legislators shall receive the legislative per diem, as
21 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for
23 days in attendance at commission meetings. All members of the
commission shall receive reimbursement for expenses upon
application to the Legislative Council; and be it further

25 **Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, if assistance is desired, the
27 commission may request necessary staff assistance from the
Legislative Council; and be it further

29 **Report. Resolved:** That the commission submit an interim
31 report to the 114th Legislature by December 1, 1989, and a final
33 report, together with any necessary implementing legislation to
the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature by February 1,
1991; and be it further

35 **Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
37 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

39 **1989-90**

41 **LEGISLATURE**

43 **Study Commissions - Funding**

45 Personal Services	\$3,960
All Other	\$11,400

47 Provides funds for legislative
49 per diem, meetings and related
expenses of the Commission to
51 Study Public Financing of
State Elections. These funds

1 shall carry forward to June
3 30, 1991.

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5 **LEGISLATURE**
5 **TOTAL**

\$15,360

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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11 This resolve establishes the Commission to Study Public
13 Financing of State Elections which shall examine mechanisms for
13 the public financing of state elections.