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In Senate, February 16, 1990

Reported by Senator KANY of Kennebec for the Commission on Maine's Future pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60 and Resolve 1989, chapter 3.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 18.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

Resolve, to Create the Commission on Effective Information Systems in State Government .



2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
on Effective Information Systems in State Government is
established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Commission membership; chair. Resolved:** That the
6 commission consist of the following 13 members:

8 1. Three members to be appointed by the President of the
Senate, not more than one of whom may be a Legislator, and not
10 more than one of whom may be employed by the State;

12 2. Three members to be appointed by the Speaker of the
House of Representatives, not more than one of whom may be a
14 Legislator, and not more than one of whom may be employed by the
State;

16 3. Six members to be appointed by the Governor, not more
18 than one of whom may be a Legislator, and not more than one of
whom may be employed by the State; and

20 4. One member, to be appointed by the other 12 commission
22 members, who shall serve as the chair; and be it further

24 **Sec. 3. Appointment; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments
must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date
26 of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative
Council must be notified by the Governor, the President of the
28 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives when their
selections have been made. The Chair of the Legislative Council
30 shall call the first meeting of the commission, at which time the
commission may appoint the 13th and final commission member; and
32 be it further

34 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall undertake
a study of the existing information management systems in State
36 Government, with a primary goal of proposing an effective
information management system within State Government. As part
38 of the study the commission shall:

40 1. Identify the data and information currently being
compiled within State Government; who uses it and how; and the
42 data and information unavailable for critical purposes such as
projecting trends and monitoring change;

44 2. Investigate the impact of an information management
46 system on current management style;

48 3. Recommend ways to manage and update data and information
in a readily accessible, integrated and meaningful format, and to
50 ensure that quantifiable measures are available for monitoring
change in the State's environment, economy, people and
52 governmental activity;

2 4. Evaluate alternative information management systems;

4 5. Recommend ways to improve and connect existing
6 electronic networks and review and recommend ways to improve the
6 procedures for purchasing computer systems;

8 6. Assess the need for a cabinet-level Chief Information
10 Officer; and

12 7. Review methods to conduct long-term cost-benefit
14 analyses of state initiatives and computerized access links at
14 regional and local governmental offices and libraries, and office
14 environments of the future.

16 In the performance of its duties, the commission may hold
18 public hearings and conferences with any person, persons,
18 organizations or governmental agencies. The commission is to be
20 provided information, reports or other assistance from any
20 agency, department, legislative committee or other
22 instrumentality of the State, with the consent of the head of the
22 respective organization. State agencies shall, on request,
24 assist the commission in carrying out the purposes of this
24 resolve; and be it further

26 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
28 its report together with any enabling legislation to the
28 Legislature by December 1, 1991; and be it further

30 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the State Planning
32 Office shall staff the commission to conduct research and prepare
32 reports for the commission; and be it further

34 **Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the members of the
36 commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the
36 legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
38 Title 3, section 2, for days of attendance at commission
38 meetings. All members of the commission who are not state
40 employees receive expenses, as defined in the Maine Revised
40 Statutes, Title 5, section 12002, upon application to the
42 Executive Director of the Legislative Council for those expenses;
42 and be it further

44 **Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
46 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
46 this resolve.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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State Planning Office

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Personal Services

\$1,980

All Other

9,350

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Provides funds for the per diem, travel and related expenses of the Commission on Effective Information Systems in State Government. These funds may not lapse but must be carried forward.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

TOTAL

\$11,330

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This is one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the Commission on Maine's Future. This resolve establishes the Commission on Effective Information Systems in State Government. The commission will study the information management systems currently used throughout State Government, and will propose a more effective information management system.