

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

Legislative Document

No. 2343

H.P. 1693

House of Representatives, February 22, 1990

Reported by Representative COLES for the Commission on Maine's Future pursuant to Resolve 1987 chapter 60 and Resolve 1989 chapter 3.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Evaluate the Need for Changes in the Responsibilities of State, County and Local Government for the 21st Century.



2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Evaluate the Need for Changes in the Responsibilities of
4 State, County and Local Government for the 21st Century is
established; and be it further

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall undertake
36 a study of the State's rules of local, regional and county
government and State Government, with a primary goal of proposing
38 changes that will more closely fit the needs of the 21st
century. As part of the study, the commission shall:

40 1. Review recent studies and analyses of the status of
42 State Government and local government;

44 2. Evaluate the current functions and responsibilities of
State Government and county and local government in this State;

46 3. Identify which of the current functions of each level of
48 government are outmoded or ineffectively carried out and which
should be expanded or reassigned to other levels;

50 4. Recommend mechanisms for facilitating town decision
52 making, and ways to assure stable funding and accountability;

2 5. Review the possible use of new regional boundaries for
the political subdivisions delivering services; and

4
6 6. In the performance of its duties, the commission may
hold public hearings and conferences with any person, persons,
organizations or governmental agencies. Any agency, department,
8 legislative committee or other instrumentality of the State, with
the consent of the head of the respective organization, shall
10 provide the commission with information, reports or other
assistance. State agencies shall, on request, assist the
12 commission in carrying out the purposes of this resolve; and be
it further

14
Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit
16 its report together with any enabling legislation to the
Legislature by December 1, 1991; and be it further

18
Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the commission may
20 contract with a research assistant to provide professional
services as primary staff. The chair of the commission shall
22 manage the research assistant's work. The research assistant
shall provide clerical assistance and prepare any legislation
24 recommended by the commission; and be it further

26
Sec. 7. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the members of the
commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the
28 legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 3, section 2, for days of attendance at commission
30 meetings. All members of the commission who are not state
employees receive expenses, as defined in Title 5, section 12002,
32 upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative
Council for those expenses; and be it further

34
Sec. 8. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
36 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

38 1990-91

40 **LEGISLATURE**

42 **Commission to Evaluate the Need for**
44 **Changes in the Responsibilities of**
State, County and Local Government
46 **for the 21st Century**

46	Personal Services	\$1,980
48	All Other	44,350

2 Provides funds for the per diem, travel and
 4 related expenses of the Commission to
 Evaluate the Need for Changes in the
 Responsibilities of State, County and Local
 6 Government for the 21st Century. Also
 provides funds for contractual staff
 8 assistance for the period of the study.
 These funds may not lapse but must be
 10 carried forward.

12 **LEGISLATURE**
 14 **TOTAL** \$46,330

16 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

18 This is one of 8 bills containing the recommendations of the
 Commission on Maine's Future. This bill establishes the
 20 Commission to Evaluate the Need for Changes in the
 Responsibilities of State, County and Local Government for the
 22 21st Century. The commission will assess the functions of each
 level of government and identify changes necessary to meet the
 24 needs of the 21st century.