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S.P. 544

In Senate, April 8, 1991

Reported by Senator KANY of Kennebec for the Commission on Maine's Future pursuant to Resolve 1987, chapter 60, Resolve 1989, chapter 3 and Resolve 1989, chapter 72.

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-ONE

**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 consists of the following 13 members:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 2 4. Evaluate alternative information management systems;
- 4 5. Recommend ways to improve and connect existing
electronic networks and review and improve the procedures for
6 purchasing computer systems;
- 8 6. Assess the need for a cabinet-level Chief Information
Officer; and
- 10 7. Review methods to conduct long-term cost-benefit
12 analyses of state initiatives, computerized access links at
regional and local governmental offices and libraries and the
14 office environments of the future.

16 In the performance of its duties, the commission may hold
public hearings and conferences with any person, persons,
18 organizations or governmental agencies. The commission is to be
provided information, reports, or other assistance from any
20 agency, department, legislative committee or other
instrumentality of the State, with the consent of the head of the
22 respective organization. State agencies shall, upon request,
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
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,
28 to the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature no later
than November 1, 1992; and be it further

30 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the State Planning
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
commission who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative
36 per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3,
section 2, for days of attendance at commission meetings. All
38 members of the commission who are not state employees are
entitled to expenses, as defined in Title 5, section 12002, upon
40 application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council
for those expenses; and be it further

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

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48 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**
50 **State Planning Office**

2	Personal Services	\$1,980
	All Other	9,350
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6	Provides funds for the per diem, travel and	
	related expenses of the Commission on	
8	Effective Information Systems in State	
	Government. These funds may not lapse but	
	must be carried forward.	
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12	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	
	TOTAL	<u>\$11,330</u>

14 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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