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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

Resolve, to Expand the Use of the University of Maine System's Interactive Television System.

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Sec. 1. Expansion of interactive television system for public 2 education. Resolved: That the Chancellor of the University of Maine System shall work cooperatively with the Commissioner of Education, the President of Maine Maritime Academy and the 4 President of the Maine Technical College System to expand use of the University of Maine System's interactive television system. 6 Access to the interactive television system must be extended, in phases, to all elementary and secondary schools, campuses of the 8 Maine Technical College System and Maine Maritime Academy. These 10 utilize the system to support enhanced parties shall opportunities for distance learning, including access to a wider 12 array of educational curricula and course offerings, and further cooperation and the sharing of programs among local school districts and the campuses of institutions of higher education; 14 and be it further

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Sec. 2. Expansion of interactive television system for public employee training and education. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Commissioner of Labor and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, shall expand the use of the interactive television system for employee education and training programs; and be it further

Sec. 3. Expansion of interactive television system for conduct of public business. Resolved: That all branches of State Government, including state agencies, the courts and the Legislature, shall increase their utilization of the interactive television system for conducting public hearings, remote processing of records, off-site hearings before the various boards and commissions of the State, personnel briefings and conferences; and be it further

Sec. 4. Status report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the State Court Administrator shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Office of the Executive Director of the Leigslative Council by January 1, 1993 on progress toward implementing all the expansions of the interactive television system under this resolve.

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This resolve is one of the measures submitted by the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring. The resolve directs various elements of State Government and the public education system to expand their use of the interactive television system currently administered by the University of Maine System.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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