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In Senate, February 13, 1992

Submitted by the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring pursuant to Public Law 1991, chapter 139.

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

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JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

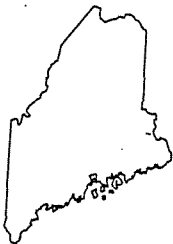
STATE OF MAINE

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

**Resolve, to Review the Public Safety and Criminal and Civil Justice
Systems.**

(EMERGENCY)

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2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

4 **Whereas,** immediate review of the State's public safety and
6 civil and criminal justice systems is necessary; and

8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
10 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
12 safety; now, therefore, be it

14 **Sec. 1. Study. Resolved:** That the University of Maine School
of Law study and solicit public discussion on questions
16 pertaining to the organization of the State's public safety and
civil and criminal justice systems, including:

18 1. Problems that exist in Maine in the coordination and
20 integration of policy and services among departments and agencies
performing public safety, civil justice and criminal justice
22 functions at the local, county and state level;

24 2. Problems that exist in the relationship between federal
and state law enforcement activities;

26 3. How the agencies and departments working with public
28 safety and civil and criminal justice should be organized to
deliver the most efficient and effective services to the State;

30 4. The advantages and disadvantages of the present method
32 and potential alternative methods of choosing the State's
Attorney General, with attention to the relationship between the
34 Attorney General and the executive and legislative branches of
government and to the problems associated with political
36 contributions made during the course of the campaign for the
office of Attorney General; and

38 5. What the relationship should be between the Attorney
40 General and lawyers providing legal services to departments in
the executive branch of government; and be it further

42 **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the University of Maine School
44 of Law report its findings and recommendations to the Governor
and to the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature no
46 later than February 1, 1993. The school is not authorized to
include legislation in the report.

48 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
50 preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve is one of the measures submitted by the Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring. The resolve directs the University of Maine School of Law to study and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the organization of public safety and criminal and civil justice functions at the state, federal and local level.