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House of Representatives, January 27, 1995

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Establish Job Criteria and Qualification Requirements for Certain State Officers.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOYNER of Hollis. Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, GUERRETTE of Pittston, JOYCE of Biddeford, LIBBY of Buxton.

- Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Establish Job Criteria and Qualification Requirements for Certain State Officers, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further
- Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission 6 consists of the following 11 members: the Secretary of State or a 8 designee; the Attorney General or a designee; the Treasurer of State or a designee; the State Auditor or a designee; one 10 Senator, appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the 12 House of Representatives; and 4 members appointed by Governor, who must be members of professional organizations 14 directly involved in the activities regulated by or associated with one or more of the state officers or persons with professional experience in an area of governmental, commercial, 16 legal or other activity regulated by or associated with one or 18 more of the state officers; and be it further
- **Appointments**; meetings. **Resolved:** 20 3. appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the 22 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have been made. 24 When appointment of all members has been completed, the Chair of the 26 Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than May 1, 1996. The commission shall select a chair from among its members; and be it further 28
- Sec. 4. Definition. Resolved: That, as used in this resolve, "state officers" means the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Treasurer of State and the State Auditor; and be it further

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall:

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- Examine the responsibilities and duties of state officers;
- 2. Examine the educational, experiential and professional certification or licensing requirements necessary for performing the duties required of state officers;
- 3. Determine the need for establishing additional or more specific job criteria and qualification requirements for state officers;
- 48 4. If determined necessary, recommend the job criteria and qualifications for the individuals holding state office;

5. Determine the most appropriate method of establishing those criteria and qualifications and recommend a timetable for doing so; and

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6. Hold at least one public hearing; and be it further

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide staffing assistance for the commission; and be it further

Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved: That members of the commission who are Legislators are entitled receive to legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and all other members are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to performance of their duties upon application to the Legislative Council: and be it further

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report, together with any recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters and to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council no later than January 15, 1997. receipt of the commission's report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state government matters shall hold a public hearing on the report, including any recommended legislation. Upon completion of the public hearing, joint standing committee of Legislature having the jurisdiction over state government matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve creates the Commission to Establish Job Criteria and Qualification Requirements for Certain State Officers. The responsibilities and duties of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State, the Attorney General and the State Auditor will be reviewed for the purpose of establishing job criteria and qualification requirements for the individuals holding those positions.