

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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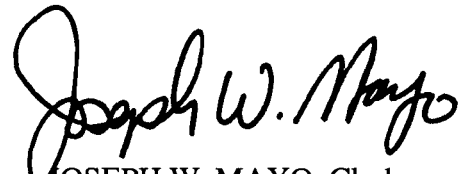
H.P. 237

House of Representatives, January 31, 1995

**Resolve, Creating the Commission to Restructure State Government.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

**Sec. 1. Commission to Restructure State Government established.**

2 **Resolved:** That the Commission to Restructure State Government,  
4 referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established  
6 as an independent commission that shall advise, consult and  
assist the executive and legislative branches of government in  
examining the issues set forth in this resolve; and be it further

8 **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists

10 of 5 members appointed jointly by the Governor, the President of  
the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within  
12 30 days of the effective date of this Act. The first meeting  
must be called by the Chair of the Legislative Council, at which  
14 time the commission shall select a chair from among its members;  
and be it further

16 **Sec. 3. Issues for review. Resolved:** That the commission shall:

18 1. Review a reduction in the size of each House of the  
Legislature, including for consideration legislation introduced  
20 in previous sessions of the Legislature;

22 2. Assess legislative salaries in relation to those of  
other states, and consider the impact of increasing salaries  
24 corresponding with any reduction in the size of the Legislature;

26 3. Discuss the feasibility of a unicameral legislature;

28 4. Discuss the feasibility of 4-year Senate terms; and

30 5. Discuss the appointment process for constitutional  
officers, considering both gubernatorial appointments and direct  
32 elections; and be it further

34 **Sec. 4. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the commission shall

36 request staffing assistance from the Legislative Council; and be  
it further

38 **Sec. 5. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the commission members

40 who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per  
diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section  
42 2, for each day's attendance at meetings of the commission. All  
members of the commission are entitled to reimbursement for  
44 travel and other necessary expenses upon application to the  
Legislative Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative  
Council shall administer the commission's budget; and be it  
46 further

48 **Sec. 6. Report date. Resolved:** That the commission shall issue

50 its report along with any necessary implementing legislation no  
later than December 15, 1996.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

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4           This resolve establishes the Commission to Restructure State  
6 Government to look at several specific issues, including the size  
of the Legislature, salaries of Legislators, a unicameral  
legislature, 4-year Senate terms and the appointment process for  
constitutional officers.