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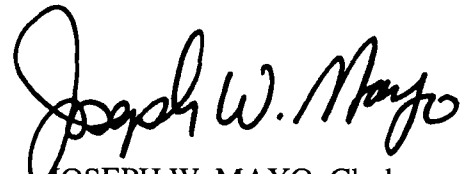
No. 342

H.P. 240

House of Representatives, January 31, 1995

An Act to Create a Legislative Budget Office.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§17**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 622,
Pt. L, §2, is further amended to read:

6 **17. Approve plans to preserve and develop the State House**
8 **and the immediate grounds.** To approve architectural, aesthetic
and decorative alterations to the State House. The Legislative
10 Council also has authority to preserve and develop the aesthetic
and historical integrity of the State House and the immediate
12 grounds. The Legislative Council has the power to enter into
contracts and other powers necessary to implement this subsection
and chapter 31; and

14 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§18**, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 622,
16 Pt. L, §3, is amended to read:

18 **18. Out-of-state travel report.** To submit to the joint
standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
20 appropriations and financial affairs a quarterly report on
out-of-state travel activity of the Legislature. The report must
22 be submitted within 15 days after the end of each quarter and
must include, for each individual who has been authorized to
24 travel, the destination, purpose and cost by funding source of
each trip; and

26 **Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§19** is enacted to read:

28 **19. Legislative Finance Office.** To create the Legislative
30 Finance Office for the purpose of enabling the legislative branch
to have access to nonpartisan analysis of budget data and for the
32 development and analysis of alternative fiscal policies.

34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This bill permits the Legislative Council to create the
38 Legislative Finance Office, which would provide budget analysis
as well as develop and analyze alternative fiscal policies.