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No. 692

S.P. 254

In Senate, February 28, 1995

**An Act to Extend the Reporting Deadlines of the Commission on
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices and the Interim Advisory
Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Public Sector.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: BUSTIN of Kennebec, KIEFFER of Aroostook, LAWRENCE of
York.

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

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6 **Whereas,** the Interim Advisory Committee on Alternative
Dispute Resolution in the Public Sector and the Commission on
Governmental Ethics and Election Practices each require
8 additional time in order to complete in a comprehensive and
meaningful manner the tasks assigned to them by law by the 116th
10 Legislature; and

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

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

20 **Sec. 1. PL 1993, c. 401, §4, sub-§4** is amended to read:

22 **4. Reports; legislation.** The committee shall submit a
progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by
24 January 1, 1994. The committee may recommend legislation at any
time. The committee shall present a summary of its activities
26 and findings, together with any recommended legislation, to the
First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by ~~January-31,~~
28 1995 March 3, 1995.

30 **Sec. 2. PL 1993, c. 583, §3** is amended to read:

32 **Sec. 3. Study by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and**
Election Practices; jurisdiction. The Commission on Governmental
34 Ethics and Election Practices shall review its current duties
prescribed by law and shall identify issues that the commission
36 has been asked to investigate and has not clearly had the
authority to investigate. The commission shall make
38 recommendations, along with any proposed legislation, to clarify
and, if necessary, to expand the commission's jurisdiction and
40 duties to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
jurisdiction over legal affairs no later than ~~January-30,-1995~~
42 March 30, 1995.

44 **Sec. 3. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to
January 30, 1995.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill extends the reporting dates of the Interim
6 Advisory Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution in the
8 Public Sector from January 31, 1995 to March 3, 1995 and the
 Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices from
 January 30, 1995 to March 30, 1995.

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