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Resolve, to Authorize the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary to Study and Make Recommendations Concerning the Enactment of the Uniform Adoption Act.

(EMERGENCY)

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

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6 **Whereas,** it is unwise for the Legislature to consider
enacting the Uniform Adoption Act without a subcommittee first
having studied in depth the provisions and potential
8 consequences, using the expertise of adoption agencies,
attorneys, Probate Court Judges and Registers of Probate, persons
10 who have experience with the adoption laws, state agencies and
others; and

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14 **Whereas,** this in-depth study should occur before the
convening of the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature
to provide the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary sufficient
16 time to consider the recommendations of the study; and

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

24 **Sec. 1. Subcommittee established. Resolved:** That the chairs of
the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary appoint a 4-member
26 subcommittee to review the Uniform Adoption Act that was approved
and recommended by the National Conference of Commissioners on
28 Uniform State Laws in 1994, and make recommendations concerning
changes in Maine law; and be it further

30 **Sec. 2. Participation in review and drafting. Resolved:** That the
32 subcommittee shall invite participation in the review and
drafting by:

- 34 1. Adoption agencies;
- 36 2. Adoptive parents;
- 38 3. Attorneys with experience in providing legal services
40 for adoptions;
- 42 4. Birth parents of adopted children;
- 44 5. The Department of Human Services, Bureau of Child and
Family Services;
- 46 6. The Family Law Section of the Maine State Bar
48 Association;

