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House of Representatives, May 2, 1995

**Resolve, Establishing the Task Force on State Government
Reorganization.**

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker GWADOSKY of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, CAMERON of
Rumford, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CLOUTIER of South Portland, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft,
DORE of Auburn, DRISCOLL of Calais, FARNUM of South Berwick, GUERRETTE of
Pittston, HATCH of Skowhegan, JOHNSON of South Portland, KEANE of Old Town,
KONTOS of Windham, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, LEMONT of Kittery, LOVETT of
Scarborough, MAYO of Bath, MORRISON of Bangor, O'GARA of Westbrook, O'NEAL of
Limestone, PAUL of Sanford, PERKINS of Penobscot, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAXL of
Portland, SIROIS of Caribou, STROUT of Corinth, TAYLOR of Cumberland, VIGUE of
Winslow, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator: McCORMICK of Kennebec.

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,** a streamlined government, particularly one in which
structure conforms to function and priorities, is necessary for
effective and efficient governmental operation; and

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10 **Whereas,** the Governor must be given the tools to develop and
implement a restructuring plan as soon as possible; and

12 **Whereas,** a task force, composed of persons from the public
and private sectors, including persons involved in implementing
policy, is necessary to develop an effective restructuring plan;
and

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18 **Whereas,** in order for the Governor to organize his cabinet
and agencies to implement state policies and programs in the most
effective and efficient manner possible, the task force must
prepare and complete its report as soon as possible; and

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

28 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on
State Government Reorganization, referred to in this resolve as
the "task force," is established; and be it further

32 **Sec. 2. Members; appointment. Resolved:** That the task force
consists of 20 members as follows: 14 members, including the
chair, appointed by the Governor; and 6 members from the
Legislature, 2 of whom are appointed by the President of the
Senate, 2 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one by
the Senate Minority Leader and one by the House Minority Leader;
and be it further

40 **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall hold a
meeting within 14 days of the effective date of this resolve to
prepare a state government reorganization plan, based on a vision
and mission for State Government as agreed upon by the task
force. The task force shall review the current process by which
management personnel of state agencies are appointed, employed or
selected. The task force shall consider the extent to which, if
any, management personnel not currently working at the pleasure
of a commissioner or agency head should be employed according to
this practice in order to most efficiently implement state

2 government reorganization. The task force shall review services
and programs offered at the local and county levels and recommend
4 integration of services to achieve efficiency and cost savings;
and be it further

6 **Sec. 4. Reports; hearings. Resolved:** That the task force shall
publish a draft of the state government reorganization plan by
8 October 15, 1995. The task force shall hold public hearings on
the plan prior to completion of the final report. The task force
10 shall present a final report, together with any necessary
implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the
12 117th Legislature by November 15, 1995; and be it further

14 **Sec. 5. Vote by Legislature. Resolved:** That the final report
and implementing legislation, without amendment, must be voted on
16 by yeas and nays by the Senate and the House of Representatives
within 10 legislative days of presentation to the Legislature.

18 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
20 preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

24 This resolve creates the Task Force on State Government
26 Reorganization and requires it to develop a plan to reorganize
state government.

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