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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Reported by: Senator Libby

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 80, L.D. 219, "Resolve, to Establish Qualifications for Constitutional Officers"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, to Establish Qualifications for Constitutional Officers and the State Auditor'**

Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "11" and inserting in its place the following: '9'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the 5th to 7th lines (page 1, lines 25 to 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Senator, appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;" and inserting in its place the following: 'member of the Executive Department appointed by the Governor;'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Secretary of State must be notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have been made. When the appointment of all members has been

2 completed, the Secretary of State shall call and convene the  
first meeting of the commission no later than August 1, 1997.  
4 The commission shall select a chair from among its members; and  
be it further'

6 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 6  
and 7 and inserting in their place the following:

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10 **'Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of the  
Secretary of State shall provide staffing assistance and funding  
for the commission; and be it further

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14 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That compensation is not  
authorized for members of the committee; and be it further'

16 Further amend the resolve in section 8 by inserting at the  
18 end the following: 'The Joint Standing Committee on State and  
Local Government is authorized to report out legislation  
20 regarding the qualifications of constitutional officers and the  
State Auditor to the Second Regular Session of the 118th  
Legislature; and be it further'

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24 Further amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any  
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

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28 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the  
summary the following:

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32 **FISCAL NOTE**

34 The additional costs associated with providing staff  
assistance and to print the report of the commission can be  
36 absorbed by the Department of the Secretary of State utilizing  
existing budgeted resources.

38 The Department of the Attorney General, the Department of  
Audit, the Department of the Secretary of State, the Office of  
40 the Treasurer of State and the Executive Department will incur  
some minor additional costs to participate as members of the  
42 commission. These costs can be absorbed within the existing  
budgeted resources of those agencies.'

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46 **SUMMARY**

48 This amendment removes all Legislators from the Commission  
to Establish the Criteria and Qualifications for Certain State  
50 Officers, adds one member of the Executive Department appointed

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2 by the Governor, removes authorization to pay compensation to  
commission members, provides for staffing and funding by the  
4 Department of the Secretary of State and authorizes the Joint  
Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out  
6 legislation on the issue of qualifications to the Second Regular  
Session of the 118th Legislature.