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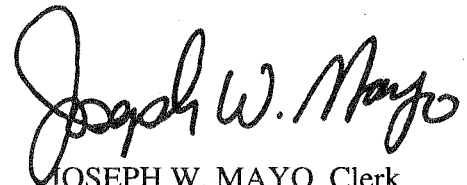
No. 449

H.P. 327

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

An Act to Create a Legislative Finance Office.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§17**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 622,
4 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
10 and decorative alterations to the State House. The Legislative
12 Council also has authority to preserve and develop the aesthetic
14 and historical integrity of the State House and the immediate
16 grounds. The Legislative Council has the power to enter into
18 contracts and other powers necessary to implement this subsection
20 and chapter 31; and

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

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

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

19. Legislative Finance Office. To create the Legislative
Finance Office to allow the legislative branch access to
nonpartisan analysis of budget data and to develop and analyze
alternative fiscal policies.

SUMMARY

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