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STATE OF MAINE
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118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 293, L.D. 944, "Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with Disabilities"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following 13 members:

1. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
3. One member jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;
4. One representative of the Public Advocate;
5. One representative of the Public Protection Division within the Office of the Attorney General;
6. One representative of a deaf advocacy organization, appointed by the Governor;
7. One representative of a disability advocacy organization, appointed by the Governor;

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2 8. Three representatives of telephone companies providing
3 phone service within the State including one representative of
4 independent telephone companies, appointed by the Governor; and

6 9. Three members of the general public who currently use or
7 plan to use teletypewriters or special telecommunications
8 equipment for persons with disabilities, appointed by the
9 Governor; and be it further''

10 Further amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph
11 after the title in the first line (page 1, line 24 in amendment)
12 by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its
13 place the following: 'Further amend'

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15 Further amend the amendment by inserting before the 2nd
16 indented paragraph after the title the following:

18 'Further amend the resolve in section 5 in the 3rd and 4th
19 lines (page 2, lines 28 and 29 in L.D.) by striking out the
20 following: "within 30 days after the convening of' and inserting
21 in its place the following: 'to'

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23 Further amend the resolve in section 5 in the 5th line (page
24 2, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:
25 "Legislature" the following: 'by January 1, 1998''

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27 Further amend the amendment by inserting before the 3rd
28 indented paragraph after the title the following:

30 'Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the first line
31 (page 2, line 38 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:
32 "That the" the following: 'legislative'

34 'Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the 2nd line
35 (page 2, line 39 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:
36 "to" the following: 'per diem and''

38 Further amend the amendment by inserting after the 3rd
39 indented paragraph the following:

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41 'Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 7 the
42 following:

44 '**Sec. 8. Meetings. Resolved:** That the commission may meet up
45 to 4 times; and be it further''

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47 Further amend the amendment in section 8 in that part
48 designated "**Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of**

2 **Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with**
3 **Disabilities**" in the first line (page 2, line 6 in amendment) by
4 striking out the following: "\$550" and inserting in its place
the following: '\$660'

6 Further amend the amendment in section 8 in that part
7 designated "**Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of**
8 **Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with**
9 **Disabilities**" in the 2nd line (page 2, line 7 in amendment) by
10 striking out the following: "4,250" and inserting in its place
the following: '2,350'

12 Further amend the amendment in section 8 in that part
13 designated "**Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of**
14 **Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with**
15 **Disabilities**" in the 3rd line (page 2, line 9 in amendment) by
16 inserting after the following: "diem" the following: 'and
17 expenses'

18 Further amend the amendment in section 8 in that part
19 designated "**Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of**
20 **Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with**
21 **Disabilities**" in the 4th line (page 2, line 10 in amendment) by
22 striking out the following: "expenses of members,"

23 Further amend the amendment in section 8 in the last line
24 (page 2, line 18 in amendment) by striking out the following:
25 "\$4,800" and inserting in its place the following: '\$3,010'

26 Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 8 the
27 following:

28 'Further amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any
29 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
30 consecutively.'

32 FISCAL NOTE

33 The amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill.
34 General Fund appropriations are reduced by \$1,790 in fiscal year
35 1997-98 to \$3,010.

36 SUMMARY

37 This amendment increases the number of commission members by
38 adding a 3rd legislative member, changes the reporting date,

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specifies that legislative members receive per diem and
reimbursement for expenses, revises the appropriation section and
clarifies the number of meetings to be held.

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