

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1133

House of Representatives, March 19, 1997

**An Act to Amend the Composition of the Information Services Policy Board and Establish a Clearinghouse on State Information and Information Technology.**

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MITCHELL of Vassalboro.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SIROIS of Caribou, STEVENS of Orono, VOLENIK of Brooklin, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

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

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3       **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1892, sub-§§2 to 4,** as amended by PL 1989, c.  
4 857, §36, are further amended to read:

6       **2. Advisory members.** Advisory members must be appointed by  
7 the Legislative Council to represent the agencies of the  
8 Legislature that provide research and information to the  
9 Legislature and its committees and an advisory member must be  
10 appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to  
11 assure ensure that the needs of the Legislature and the Judiciary  
12 are known and to inform them of available information, access and  
13 innovations to be considered. In addition, the Chancellor of the  
14 University of Maine System and the President of the Maine  
15 Technical College System each shall appoint an advisory member to  
16 ensure that the needs of state institutions of higher education  
17 are known and to encourage the development of compatible  
18 information systems and the sharing of information and  
19 technologies between educational institutions and agencies of  
20 State Government.

22       **3. Terms of office.** The voting and advisory members  
23 representing state agencies of the Legislature, the Judiciary,  
24 the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College  
25 System and the office of the Governor shall serve for a period  
26 that coincides with the term of appointment to the agency they  
27 represent or to the term designated by the appointing authority,  
28 unless revoked sooner by the appointing authority. The members  
29 of the private sector serve 3-year terms, except that the initial  
30 term of one member is 2 years and the initial term of the other  
31 members is 3 years.

32       **4. Expenses and compensation.** All members are entitled to  
33 reimbursement for expenses in accordance with chapter 379.  
34 Members representing state agencies, the Executive Office, the  
35 Legislature, the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical  
36 College System and the Judiciary are reimbursed for expenses from  
37 the budgets of the departments they represent.

40       A. The members of the board are not entitled to  
41 compensation.

42       **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13123, sub-§11-A** is enacted to read:

44       **11-A. Clearinghouse on state information and information**  
45 **technology for intergovernmental use.** Establish a clearinghouse  
46 on information technology and state information for use by local  
47 governments, schools, libraries and institutions of higher  
48 education in the State no later than January 1, 1998. The  
49 clearinghouse must:  
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2           A. Make available to local governments, schools, libraries  
3           and institutions of higher education current information  
4           regarding computer technologies and standards for accessing  
5           state information data bases;

6           B. Develop, in consultation with the Information Services  
7           Policy Board, information technology standards and methods  
8           of electronic transmission of information applicable to  
9           state executive agency data bases that will allow increased  
10           access by local governments, schools, libraries and  
11           institutions of higher education to public information  
12           residing in the data bases; and

13           C. Catalogue, maintain and make available to local  
14           governments, schools, libraries and institutions of higher  
15           education listings of all major data bases of state  
16           executive agencies that are public information and reside on  
17           state computer systems.

18           Agencies of State Government shall cooperate with the foundation  
19           in providing information necessary to establish and maintain the  
20           clearinghouse.

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## SUMMARY

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23           This bill directs the Maine Science and Technology  
24           Foundation to establish a clearinghouse for information regarding  
25           state information and information technology that will assist  
26           local governments, schools, libraries and institutions of higher  
27           education in accessing public information residing on  
28           computerized data bases of state agencies. The clearinghouse  
29           must develop standards for state agency data bases that will  
30           allow increased access to public information and must publish  
31           listings of available information. The bill also amends the  
32           composition of the Information Services Policy Board by adding  
33           representatives of the University of Maine System and the Maine  
34           Technical College System as advisory members. Addition of these  
35           members is to ensure that the computer information needs of state  
36           institutions of higher education are known and to encourage the  
37           sharing of computerized information and information technologies  
38           between educational institutions and agencies of State Government.  
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