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In Senate, January 21, 1998

An Act to Improve State House Utilization.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, LEMAIRE of Lewiston.

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

- Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§12, as amended by PL 1989, c. 410,  $\S1$ , is further amended to read:
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6 12. Physical facilities for Legislature. To insure ensure that adequate physical facilities are provided for the efficient 8 operation of the Legislature and to provide for and determine the utilization of legislatively controlled facilities both within 10 and without the State House and, notwithstanding Title 5, section 1742, subsection 18, to control and assign the use of all rooms 12 in the State House, except the immediate offices occupied by the Governor and the Governor's staff en-January-1-1982 in the west wing of the State House. This space shall must be assigned for 14 use by the Legislature as offices for chairs of joint standing 16 committees and legislative staff and for public hearing rooms.

18 The Legislative Council shall-have has the authority to authorize the Executive Director to enter into contracts for the purpose of 20 maintaining or improving the physical facilities assigned to the Legislature, previded-that as long as the work to be performed is 22 consistent with the official plan for the preservation and development of the aesthetic and historical integrity of the 24 State House as described in section 902, subsection 1;

## SUMMARY

Current law gives the Legislative Council control over all of the State House except for those offices occupied by the Governor or the Governor's staff on January 1, 1982. This bill limits the excepted space to those offices occupied by the Governor or the Governor's staff in the west wing of the State House.