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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**119TH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 226, L.D. 304, "Resolve, to  
Establish the State Office Building Location Task Force"

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

26 '**Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on State Office Building  
Location and Other State Growth-related Capital Investments**'

28 Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after  
30 the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the  
following:

32 '**Whereas, local, state and federal public agencies have**  
34 **historically located their offices in service center communities;**  
and

36 **Whereas, these offices have most often been located in the**  
38 **traditional downtown areas of service center communities; and**

40 **Whereas, there is a growing tendency for public agencies to**  
42 **shift locations of their offices and to make other growth-related**  
44 **capital investments away from downtown areas and outside of other**  
**areas that have been designated by municipalities for growth and**  
**redevelopment to commercial strips and away from service centers**  
**to suburban communities; and**

46 **Whereas, these relocations and redirection of other state**  
48 **investments may have a devastating impact on the economic and**  
**social vitality of a downtown area or a service center community**  
**or bring about undesirable patterns of development; and**

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2           **Whereas,** the Legislature has determined that these service  
center communities and other locally designated growth areas not  
4           only are essential to the economic health of the State but also  
can play important roles in the efficient delivery of state,  
6           local and regional services; now, therefore, be it

8           **Sec. 1. Task force created. Resolved:** That, because community  
service centers and other locally designated growth areas in  
10           Maine are vital to job creation and the delivery of critical  
services, the Task Force on State Office Building Location and  
12           Other State Growth-related Capital Investments, referred to in  
this resolve as the "task force," is created to assess the impact  
14           of state office buildings in downtown service centers within  
regional service center communities and of other state  
16           growth-related capital investments in other locally designated  
growth areas and to recommend ways to ensure continued location  
18           of state office buildings within both those service center  
communities and their traditional downtown service centers and to  
20           ensure that other state growth-related capital investments are  
made in areas designated for growth by municipalities in their  
22           comprehensive plans; and be it further

24           **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists  
of the following 11 members:

26           1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President  
of the Senate;

28           2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed  
30           by the Speaker of the House;

32           3. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial  
34           Services or the commissioner's designee;

36           4. A representative from a department or agency of Federal  
Government invited jointly by the President of the Senate and the  
38           Speaker of the House;

40           5. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
or the commissioner's designee; and

42           6. The Director of the State Planning Office within the  
Executive Department or the director's designee; and be it further

44           **Sec. 3. Appointments. Resolved:** That appointments must be  
46           made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive  
48           Director of the Legislative Council upon making their  
appointments; and be it further

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2           **Sec. 4. Chairs. Resolved:** That the President of the Senate  
and the Speaker of the House shall each appoint from among the  
4           members of the task force a cochair of the task force within 30  
days of the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

6           **Sec. 5. Meetings and working groups. Resolved:** That the  
cochairs of the task force shall call and convene the first  
8           meeting of the task force within 30 days of the date that the  
last member is appointed. The task force shall form advisory  
10          working groups from among affected agencies, trade organizations  
and the public to help carry out the task force's  
12          responsibilities; and be it further

14          **Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That legislative members are  
entitled to receive the legislative per diem and reimbursement of  
16          necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of  
the task force; and be it further

18          **Sec. 7. Staff. Resolved:** That upon approval of the Legislative  
20          Council the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide  
necessary staffing services to the task force; and be it further

22          **Sec. 8. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall consider  
24          in its assessments and recommendations the conclusions and  
recommendations of the Task Force on Regional Service Center  
26          Communities contained in its report, "Reviving Service Centers"  
(State Planning Office, September, 1998) and the concepts  
28          contained in Legislative Document 1080 and Legislative Document  
1414, which were presented to the First Regular Session of the  
30          119th Legislature. The task force shall:

32                 1. Assess the role of state office buildings in the  
continued viability of downtown service centers within the State  
34                 and the impact of other state growth-related capital investments  
within and outside of locally designated growth areas;

36                 2. Analyze recent trends in relocating state and federal  
38                 agency offices from downtown service centers to commercial strips  
and from service centers to suburban communities and in the  
40                 location of other state growth-related capital investments  
outside of locally designated growth areas;

42                 3. Assess how other states have responded to these trends;

44                 4. Recommend appropriate legislation to ensure that state  
46                 offices continue to enhance the historic role of downtowns within  
the State's regional service centers and that state  
48                 growth-related capital investments are made in a manner

consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, sections 4312 and 4326; and

5. Review and make recommendations on other directly related matters the task force considers necessary; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Report. Resolved:** That no later than February 15, 2000 the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government as well as any recommended legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature; and be it further

**Sec. 10. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

1999-00

**LEGISLATURE**

**Task Force on State Office Building  
Location and Other State Growth-related  
Capital Investments**

Personal Services	\$1,925
All Other	2,250

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members for 5 meetings of the Task Force on State Office Building Location and Other Growth-related Capital Investments and to print the required report.

**LEGISLATURE  
TOTAL**

\$4,175'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

1999-00

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund	\$4,175
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2 This resolve includes an additional General Fund  
3 appropriation of \$4,175 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the  
4 Legislature for the per diem and expenses of legislative members  
5 for 5 meetings of the Task Force on State Office Building  
6 Location and Other State Growth-Related Capital Investments and  
7 to print the required report.

8 The additional costs associated with providing staffing  
9 assistance to the task force during the interim between  
10 legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing  
11 existing budgeted resources. If the task force requires staffing  
12 assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may  
13 require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for  
14 staff services.

15 The additional costs associated with serving on the task  
16 force can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and  
17 Financial Services, the Department of Economic and Community  
18 Development and the Executive Department, State Planning Office  
19 utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

22 **SUMMARY**

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24 This amendment renames the resolve and the task force  
25 created by the resolve and expands the task force's duties to  
26 include growth-related capital investment within and outside  
27 areas that have been designated by municipalities for growth and  
28 redevelopment. It also expands task force membership and allows  
29 the task force to establish working groups to help it carry out  
30 its duties. The amendment also instructs the task force to  
31 consider the concepts contained within other related legislation  
32 presented to the 119th Legislature and to assess the impact of  
33 growth-related capital investments within and outside of locally  
34 designated growth areas. It also adds an appropriation of \$4,175  
35 to cover the costs of the task force and adds a fiscal note.  
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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**