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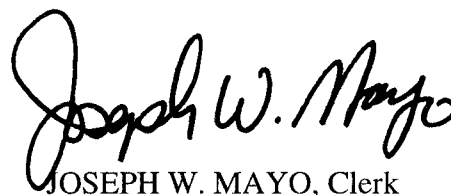
No. 526

H.P. 395

House of Representatives, January 19, 1999

**Resolve, Creating the Commission to Study Economic Development
Opportunities for Lewiston and Auburn.**

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BOLDUC of Auburn, BOUFFARD of Lewiston,
CHICK of Lebanon, CLOUGH of Scarborough, GERRY of Auburn, O'NEAL of Limestone,
Senator: BERUBE of Androscoggin.

2 **Preamble. Whereas,** the neighboring cities of Lewiston and
Auburn represent the 2nd most populous urban area in the State
and, as such, their continued economic health is vital to the
4 entire State; and

6 **Whereas,** the cities of Lewiston and Auburn have unique
social, cultural and economic assets and liabilities; and

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10 **Whereas,** urban sprawl and local land use policies may have
an impact on economic growth and development in the
Lewiston-Auburn area; and

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14 **Whereas,** current economic growth and development
activities, including those already undertaken by the Lewiston
and Auburn municipal governments and regional organizations, need
16 to be assessed; and

18 **Whereas,** short-term and long-term opportunities for
economic growth and development within the cities of Lewiston and
20 Auburn need to be identified and acted upon to help the cities
maintain and enhance their economic health; now, therefore, be it

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24 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Study Economic Development Opportunities for Lewiston and
Auburn, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is
26 established; and be it further

28 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission
consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

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32 1. Two members of the House of Representatives who also
serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic
Development, appointed by the Speaker of the House upon the
34 recommendation of the committee cochairs;

36 2. One member of the Senate who also serves on the Joint
Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development,
38 appointed by the President of the Senate upon recommendation the
of the committee cochairs;

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42 3. One member from the Joint Standing Committee on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs or the Joint Standing
Committee on Taxation, appointed by the Speaker of the House upon
44 the recommendation of the committee cochairs;

46 4. Two members of the Legislature from Androscoggin County,
appointed by the President of the Senate;

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50 5. One representative of Androscoggin County government,
appointed by the Speaker of the House upon the recommendation of
the chair of the Androscoggin County Commissioners;

2 6. One representative of the Department of Economic and
Community Development, appointed by the Commissioner of Economic
4 and Community Development;

6 7. One member of the Lewiston City Council, appointed by
the Speaker of the House upon the recommendation of the Lewiston
8 City Council chair;

10 8. One member of the Auburn City Council, appointed by the
President of the Senate upon the recommendation of the Auburn
12 City Council chair;

14 9. One representative of the Androscoggin County Chamber of
Commerce, appointed by the Speaker of the House upon the
16 recommendation of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce
president;

18 10. One business owner from Lewiston, appointed by the
20 President of the Senate upon the recommendation of the chair of
the Lewiston City Council; and

22 11. One business owner from Auburn, appointed by the Speaker
24 of the House upon the recommendation of the chair of the Auburn
City Council.

26 All appointments must be made no later than 30 days
28 following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing
authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the
30 Legislative Council upon making their appointments. The
Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall contact
32 appointing authorities who have not made their appointments as of
the required date; and be it further

34 **Sec. 3. Convening. Resolved:** That the Chair of the
36 Legislative Council shall call the commission together for its
first meeting no later than 45 days after the effective date of
38 this resolve. If the first meeting is not called within the
assigned time, the Governor shall call the first meeting for a
40 date no later than 10 days after the initially required date. It
is not necessary for all members to be appointed in order for the
42 commission to meet. A quorum consists of a majority of those
appointed; and be it further

44 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study
46 economic development opportunities for the cities of Lewiston and
Auburn. In examining these issues, the commission shall:

48 1. Assess the economic assets and liabilities unique to the
50 cities of Lewiston and Auburn;

