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14	STATE OF MAINE SENATE 119TH LEGISLATURE									
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION									
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 261, L.D. 756, "Reso	lve. to								
20	Create a Task Force to Study Ways to Improve and Streaml: Regulation of Water Utilities"									
22	Amend the resolve by striking out all of section	2 and								
24	inserting in its place the following:	z and								
26	'Sec. 2. Task force membership; chair. Resolved: That the force consists of the following 14 members:	ne task								
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30	<ol> <li>One member of the Senate, appointed by the Presidente Senate;</li> </ol>	dent of								
32	<ol><li>One member of the House of Representatives, appoint the Speaker of the House;</li></ol>	nted by								
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36	<ol><li>One representative from the Public Utilities Comm appointed by the chair of the commission;</li></ol>	188101,								
38	4. The Public Advocate or the Public Advocate's desig	nee;								
40	5. One representative from the Maine Public Drinking Control Program, appointed by the Director of the Divis									
42	Health Engineering within the Department of Human Services;	ion or								
44	<del>_</del>	serving								
46	populations greater than 100,000 people, appointed I Governor;	by the								
48	<b>-</b>	serving								
50	populations of at least 10,001 people, but not more than people, one of whom must be an elected or appointed officeuch a water utility, appointed by the Governor;									

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2 8. Two representatives of water utilities servi	_
populations of at least 3,301 people, but not more than 10,0 people, one of whom must be an elected or appointed official	
such a water utility, appointed by the Governor;	
9. Two representatives of water utilities servi	nq
8 populations of not more than 3,300 people, one of whom must be elected or appointed official of such a water utility, appoint	an
by the Governor;	,e u
10. A representative of the Maine Water Utiliti	.es
Association, designated by the association; and	
11. The Executive Director of the Maine Rural Wat l6 Association.	er
At the task force's first meeting, the members shall elect chair; and be it further'	: a
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Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the 4th line (page 2, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "chair" a	
inserting in its place the following: 'Senate member'	
Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections	4
and 5 and inserting in their place the following:	
Sec. 4. Staffing. Resolved: That the State Planning Offi	
shall provide staff assistance to the task force. If the tage of the force requires assistance with the preparation of any recommendation of the comments of t	
legislation, it may request, and upon approval from t	
Legislative Council receive, assistance from the Office of Poli and Legal Analysis; and be it further	ісу
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	are
entitled to receive the legislative per diem and reimbursement necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings	
the task force group. Public members not otherwise compensate by their employers or other entities whom they represent a	
entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and a	per
diem equal to the legislative per diem for their attendance authorized meetings of the task force; and be it further'	at
Further amend the resolve in section 6 in the 4th line (page 3, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "15, 2000	_
and inserting in its place the following: '1, 2000; and be	

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Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the emergency clause the following:

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2	'Sec. 7. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
4	this resolve.
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8	LEGISLATURE
O	Task Force to Study the Regulation
10	of Water Utilities
12	Personal Services \$2,970
	All Other 3,200
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16	Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of
10	legislative and public
18	members of the Task Force to
	Study the Regulation of Water
20	Utilities.
22	LEGISLATURE
	TOTAL \$6,170'
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26	Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
	summary the following:
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34	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS
36	General Fund \$6,170
38	This resolve includes a General Fund appropriation of \$6,170
	in fiscal year 1999-00 for the Legislature for the per diem and
40	expenses of legislative and public members of the Task Force to
4.0	Study the Regulation of Water Utilities.
42	The additional costs associated with according drafting
44	The additional costs associated with providing drafting assistance to the task force during the interim between
	legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing
46	existing budgeted resources.
48	The Public Utilities Commission and the Office of the Public
	Advocate will incur some minor additional costs to participate in
50	the Task Force to Study the Regulation of Water Utilities. These

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budgeted resources.

costs can be absorbed within the respective agencies' existing

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## **SUMMARY**

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This amendment does the following.

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1. It changes the membership of the Task Force to Study the Regulation of Water Utilities by adding a Senator, a Representative and 3 representatives of smaller water utilities and by removing a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection.

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 It requires the task force to elect its chair from its members and requires the Senate member to call the first meeting of the task force.

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- 3. It provides for compensation for legislative and public members of the task force.
- 24 4. It authorizes the task force to seek assistance from the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis in drafting any recommended legislation.
- 5. It moves the reporting date to January 1, 2000.
- It adds an appropriation and fiscal note to the resolve.

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