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House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

**An Act to Require that the State Planning Office Report to the
Committee on State and Local Government.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and
Representatives: DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, GOODWIN of Pembroke,
JOY of Crystal, O'NEAL of Limestone, STANLEY of Medway, TRACY of Rome,
WHEELER of Bridgewater.

2 **Preamble.** The Constitution of Maine, Article V, Part First,
4 Section 8 provides that certain statutes enacted relating to
 confirmation procedures for gubernatorial nominees require a 2/3
 vote of the members of each House present and voting.

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

8 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶M,** as amended by PL 1997 c. 526,
10 §14, is further amended to read:

12 M. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having
14 jurisdiction over state and local government matters shall
 use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- 16 (1) Capitol Planning Commission in 1997;
- 18 (2) State Civil Service Appeals Board in 1999;
- 20 (3) State Claims Commission in 1999;
- 22 (4) Maine Municipal Bond Bank in 2001;
- 24 (5) Office of Treasurer of State in 2001;
- 26 (6) Department of Administrative and Financial
28 Services, except for the Bureau of Revenue Services, in
30 2003;
- 32 (7) Department of the Secretary of State, except for
34 the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, in 2003;
- 36 (8) Local Government Records Board in 2003; and
- 38 (9) State Planning Office in 2005 2001.

40 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3304, sub-§1,** as repealed and replaced by PL
42 1977, c. 674, §7, is amended to read:

44 1. **Director.** The executive head of the State Planning
46 Office ~~shall-be~~ is the director and ~~shall-be~~ is appointed by the
 Governor ~~to--serve~~ subject to review by the joint standing
 ~~committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and~~
 ~~local government matters and to confirmation by the Legislature.~~
 The director serves at the pleasure of the Governor. ~~The-director~~
 ~~shall-be-paid-a-salary-fixed-by-the-Governor.~~

48 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §3304, sub-§3, ¶¶E and I,** as amended by PL 1989,
 c. 501, Pt. DD, §7, are further amended to read:

2 E. Advise the Legislature, the Governor and other officials
of the State Government on all matters of policy, statewide
4 planning and public investment and consult with them in
respect to planning matters and projects which that affect
the future plans of the State;

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8 I. Make reports at least annually to the ~~Governor--and--to~~
joint standing committee of the Legislature having
10 jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the
activities of the office and, after consultation with and
approval by the Governor, submit such recommendations for
12 legislative action as deemed determined necessary to further
the purposes of this chapter;

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16 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §3304, sub-§3, ¶I-1 is enacted to read:**

18 I-1. Make reports annually to the joint standing committee
of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local
20 government matters detailing the monetary allocations to and
expenditures by the office;

22 SUMMARY

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26 This bill requires the State Planning Office to be directly
responsible to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local
Government instead of to the Governor. It changes the
28 appointment of the director of the State Planning Office to
include consideration by the committee on state and local
30 government and confirmation by the Legislature. Under the
provisions of this bill, reports by the State Planning Office
32 will be presented annually to the committee on state and local
government and include detailed information about money allocated
34 to and spent by the office. This bill changes the scheduled date
that the committee on state and local government reviews the
36 State Planning Office from the year 2005 to 2001.