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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 665, L.D. 1887, Bill, "An Act to Provide Access to Information Services in All Communities of the State"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S353.~~" in the first paragraph in the 5th line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "statewide"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S353.~~" in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "with the State's wide-area computer network"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S355.~~" in the 2nd line (page 2, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting in its place the following: 'may'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S355.~~" in subsection 1 in the first line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "expansion of the statewide" and inserting in its place the following: 'construction and operation of a'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S355.~~" in subsection 2 in the first line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Enable" the following: 'electronic'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by inserting at the end the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 **'§357. Funding established**

4 The Maine Governmental Information Network Fund is
6 established as a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue account to
8 carry out the purposes of this chapter. The Secretary of State
10 shall pay to the fund all money appropriated or allocated and all
12 money or fees received by the Secretary of State for the purposes
14 of this chapter. The Secretary of State may utilize funds
available to offset the actual cost of collecting fees under this
subsection. The money in the fund may be invested as provided by
law with the earnings credited to the fund. This fund may be
used to fund grants, consultant fees, technical support and
training undertaken to carry out the purposes of this chapter.'

16 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

18 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
20 summary the following:

22 **'FISCAL NOTE**

24 This bill establishes the Maine Governmental Information
26 Network Board in the Department of the Secretary of State to
28 enhance electronic data exchange among state and local
30 governments. The board has authority to provide grants to
32 municipalities and counties, employ consultants and provide
34 technical support to municipalities and counties. No funding is
36 included in this bill for these purposes. Absent General Fund
38 appropriations, the Department of the Secretary of State will not
be able to absorb the cost of providing access to data, grants to
municipalities and counties, technical support, training and
consultants. The board is authorized to establish fee schedules
and collect fees for technical services or other information
systems support provided. The amount of additional General Fund
revenue that may be generated by these fees can not be determined
at this time.

40 Board members are eligible for reimbursement of expenses.
42 The Department of the Secretary of State can absorb these costs,
44 as well as the costs related to providing staffing and
administrative support to the board.

46 The additional costs associated with serving on the board
can be absorbed by the Department of Administrative and Financial
Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment is the majority report. It amends the bill
by deleting reference to the State's wide-area computer network.
8 It also deletes reference to expansion of the statewide computer
network. The amendment also deletes the appropriation section
and adds a fiscal note. The amendment adds a new section to the
10 bill that establishes the Maine Governmental Information Network
Fund as a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue fund. It authorizes
12 the Secretary of State to expend money received by the fund and
to utilize the funds to offset actual costs of collecting the
14 fees. The amendment also authorizes the use of the fund to carry
out the purposes of the Maine Governmental Information Network
16 Board. It authorizes the State to invest the funds and to credit
interest earned to the fund.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT