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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B " 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 by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §532, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 713, §1, is amended to read:

3. InforME. "InforME" means the system through which the State electronically provides public information, access to public information and premium services to individuals, businesses, local governments and other providers of governmental services and other entities.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §533, sub-§§1, 4, 8 and 9, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 713, §1, are amended to read:

1. Electronic gateway. To serve as a self-supporting and cost-effective electronic gateway to provide and enhance access to the State's public information for individuals, businesses, local governments and other providers of governmental services and other entities;

4. Electronic dissemination of public information. To assist state agencies in electronically disseminating public information in their custody. This assistance may include connecting individual municipal governments and other governmental service providers to a computer network to enable access to the electronic data resources of any state agency whose

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2 data enhances the delivery of state services by the participating
3 municipal government or service provider. This ability to access
4 does not apply to any confidential information that is not
5 necessary to the delivery of services by municipalities or other
6 service providers;

7 **8. Private-public partnerships and interagency**
8 **cooperation.** To promote opportunities for private-public
9 partnerships and interagency cooperation; and

10 **9. Innovative uses of information.** To provide
11 opportunities for innovative uses of public information; and

12 **Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §533, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

13 **10. Grants and technical support.** To provide grants, to
14 the extent that funding is available for such purposes, to
15 municipalities and other providers of governmental services for
16 the purchase of computer hardware, software and peripherals
17 necessary to connect the municipalities and other governmental
18 service providers with the state data and information systems.
19 The system may also contract with public or private individuals
20 or organizations to provide technical support to municipal or
21 service provider computer network participants.

22 **Sec. 4. 1 MRSA §534, sub-§§1 and 4,** as enacted by PL 1997, c.
23 713, §1, are amended to read:

24 **1. Membership.** The InforME Board, as established in Title
25 5, section 12004-G, subsection 30-A, consists of 15 17 voting
26 members and 2 nonvoting, advisory members as follows:

27 **A.** The Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's
28 designee;

29 **B.** Three members who are chief executive officers of
30 agencies of the executive branch that are major data
31 custodians, who are appointed by the Governor and who serve
32 at the pleasure of the Governor, or their designees;

33 **C.** A representative of each of the following:

34 (1) The University of Maine System, appointed by the
35 chancellor;

36 (2) A statewide association of municipalities,
37 appointed by the Governor from nominations made by the
38 association's governing body;

39 (3) Nonprofit or user organizations advancing

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2 citizens' rights of access to information, appointed by
the Governor; and

4 (4) A statewide association of public librarians,
appointed by the Governor from nominations made by the
6 association's governing body;

8 (5) A municipal officer whose municipality
participates in the InforME computer network for
municipal governments and other governmental service
providers, appointed by the Governor; and

12 (6) A representative of a governmental service
provider, other than a municipality or state
governmental agency, whose organization or agency
delivers state services, appointed by the Governor.

18 The term for members appointed pursuant to this paragraph is
20 3 years;

22 D. Three members from user associations of a statewide
character appointed by the Governor. After the initial
24 appointments, the Governor shall appoint user association
members from a list of not less than 6 user association
26 representatives compiled by the board. No 2 members
appointed pursuant to this paragraph may represent the same
user association. The terms for the members appointed
28 pursuant to this paragraph are for a period of 3 years,
except initially, when terms are for one, 2 and 3 years
30 respectively;

32 E. The Director of the Bureau of Information Services
within the Department of Administrative and Financial
34 Services or the director's designee;

36 F. The State Librarian or the State Librarian's designee;

38 G. Two public members, one appointed by the President of
the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of
40 Representatives;

42 H. A representative of the membership or staff of the
Judicial Department, appointed by the Chief Justice of the
44 Supreme Judicial Court, who serves as a nonvoting member; and

46 I. The chief executive officer or designee of the private
entity under contract as the network manager who serves as a
48 nonvoting member.

50 A member who designates another person to serve on the board as

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2 that member's designee shall provide written notice to the board
staff of the name and title of the designee.

4 Appointing authorities shall make their appointments and provide
6 written notice of the appointments to the board staff no later
than September 1, 1998.

8 **4. Quorum; action.** ~~Eight~~ Nine voting members of the board
10 constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of 8 9 members is
12 necessary for any action taken by the board. A vacancy in the
14 membership of the board does not impair the right of a quorum to
conduct its business, but is not exempt from chapter 13,
16 subchapter I.'

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

20 **FISCAL NOTE**

22 This bill authorizes the InforME Board to provide grants to
24 municipalities and counties and other providers of governmental
services to support certain network costs to the extent that
26 funding is available for such purposes. No additional funding is
included from state sources in this bill for these grants. The
28 level of support to be provided to local governments and
providers of governmental services can not be determined at this
time.

30 The additional costs associated with adding 2 new members to
32 the InforME board will be paid from the fees received by the
network manager. These fees are not state funds.'

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36 **SUMMARY**

38 This amendment is the minority report. It amends the bill
40 by striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting
several new sections that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
42 1, chapter 14 to authorize the InforME system to assist municipal
governments and other providers of state services to connect to a
44 computer network, to provide grants to municipalities and service
providers to purchase computer software, hardware and peripherals
46 and to provide technical services to computer network
participants. It also increases the size of the InforME Board
48 membership by 2, adding an elected municipal officer and a
representative of a governmental service provider who participate
in the computer network.