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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 697, L.D. 1972, "Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Encourage Incorporations in Maine"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 8 members as follows:

1. Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate. At least one Senator must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, and no more than 2 Senators may be from the majority party. The first Senator named serves as the Senate Chair of the commission; and

2. Five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At least 3 Representatives must be members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, and no more than 4 Representatives may be members from the majority party. The first Representative named serves as the House Chair of the commission; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study methods of encouraging corporations to incorporate or reincorporate in this State. In undertaking the study, the commission shall:

1. Review recent actions, if any, taken by other states and the effects of such actions;

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- 2 2. Review other studies and literature related to
incorporations;
- 4 3. Consult with experts and interested parties;
- 6 4. Look for creative incentives to broaden Maine's economic
base; and
- 8 5. Take any other action it determines appropriate; and be
10 it further'

12 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 6
and inserting in its place the following:

14 '**Sec. 6. Reimbursement. Resolved:** That the commission
16 members are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as
defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for
18 each day's attendance at meetings of the commission, as well as
reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses upon
20 application to the Legislative Council. The chairs of the
commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall
22 administer the study budget. Within 10 days after its first
meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and proposed
24 budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The commission
may not incur expenses that result in the commission's exceeding
26 its approved budget.

28 Upon request from the commission, the Executive Director of
the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee
30 shall promptly provide the commission chairs and staff with a
status report on the study budget, expenses incurred and paid and
32 available funds; and be it further'

34 Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the last line
(page 2, line 47 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
36 "extension." and inserting in its place the following:
'extension; and be it further'

38 Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 7 the
40 following:

42 '**Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
44 this resolve.

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2 **Commission to Encourage
Incorporations in Maine**

4 Personal Services \$2,200
 All Other 2,500

6 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
8 of legislative members for 5 meetings of the
 Commission to Encourage Incorporations in
10 Maine and to print the required report.

12 **LEGISLATURE**
13 **TOTAL** \$4,700'

14 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
16 summary the following:

18 **FISCAL NOTE**

20 **1999-00**

22 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

24 General Fund \$4,700

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28 This resolve includes an additional General Fund
30 appropriation of \$4,700 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the
 Legislature for the per diem and expenses of legislative members
32 of the Commission to Encourage Incorporations in Maine for 5
 meetings and to print the required report.

34 The additional costs associated with providing staffing
36 assistance to the commission during the interim between
 legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing
38 existing budgeted resources. If an extension of the reporting
 deadline is granted and the commission requires staffing
40 assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may
 require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for
42 staff services.'

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46 **SUMMARY**

48 This amendment revises the membership of the commission to
 limit it to 8 legislative members, consisting of 3 Senators and 5
50 Representatives. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary as

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2 well as Legislators who are not members of the majority party
must be included in the membership.

4 The duties are expanded to include looking for creative
incentives to broaden Maine's economic base.

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8 The compensation provisions are amended to be consistent
with the all-Legislator makeup of the commission.

10 The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a
fiscal note to the resolve.
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