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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 763, L.D. 2155, "Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy"

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble in the 2nd "Whereas" paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Internet" the following: 'and its use'

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

**'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 22 members as follows:

1. Three members of the Senate, at least one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development, appointed by the President of the Senate;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3. One representative of the large Internet service providers industry, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. One representative of the small Internet service providers industry, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5. One representative of the telephone industry, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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2           6. One representative of the Maine Software Developers  
Association, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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6           7. One member from the University of Maine System,  
appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Maine System;

8           8. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's  
designee;

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12           9. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
or the commissioner's designee;

14           10. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee;

16           11. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;

18           12. The State Librarian or the State Librarian's designee;  
and

20           13. Seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:

22           A. One representative of the Public Advocate's Office;

24           B. One representative of the Public Utilities Commission;

26           C. One representative of the telecommunications industry;

28           D. One representative of the cable television industry;

30           E. One representative of the Governor's office;

32           F. One representative of the Maine Bar Association; and

34           G. One representative of the Maine Civil Liberties Union;  
and be it further'

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

40           '**Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study  
42 issues related to the future of information technology in the  
State, including, but not limited to:

44           1. The facilitation of electronic commerce for Maine  
46 citizens and businesses;

48           2. Making government more accessible to the citizens;

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2 3. The use of the Internet and related technologies to improve education throughout the State;

4 4. The protection of Internet users' and citizens' privacy;

6 5. The mitigation of Internet abuses including transmission of unsolicited bulk e-mail or spam;

8 6. The regulation of hate mail and pornography;

10 7. The elimination of electronic crimes;

12 8. The promotion of Internet access for citizens throughout the State; and

14 9. The promotion of business development in the areas of electronic, Internet-based and information technology businesses throughout the State; and be it further'

16 Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the indented paragraph in the last line (page 2, line 48 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "extension." and inserting in its place the following: 'extension; and be it further'

18 Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 7 the following:

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

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28	Personal Services	\$1,650
30	All Other	2,000

32 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members for 6 meetings of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy and to print the required report.

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2 **TOTAL** \$3,650'

4 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the  
6 summary the following:

8 **FISCAL NOTE**

10 **1999-00**

12 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

14 General Fund \$3,650

16 This resolve includes an additional General Fund  
18 appropriation of \$3,650 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the  
20 Legislature for the payment, in accordance with 3 MRSA, section  
22 2, of the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the  
Blue Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet  
Policy and to print the required report.

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

34 Several state departments and agencies will incur some minor  
36 additional costs to participate as members of the commission.  
These costs can be absorbed within the respective agencies'  
existing budgeted resources.'

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40 **SUMMARY**

42 This amendment expands the membership and duties of the Blue  
44 Ribbon Commission to Establish a Comprehensive Internet Policy.  
It also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the  
resolve.