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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 457, L.D. 578, Bill, "An Act to Assist Municipalities in Developing and Using Geographic Information Systems to Track Development and Promote Smart Growth"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Assist Municipalities in Developing and Using Geographic Information Systems to Track Development and Promote Smart Growth'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Steering committee established. Resolved: That the State Planning Office within the Executive Department, in cooperation with the GIS Executive Council of the Information Services Policy Board within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and in accordance with the recommendations of the State's GIS Strategic Plan, shall convene a steering committee to study and design a cost-effective statewide geographic information system, referred to in this resolve as the "system," that can be utilized for a variety of planning purposes by all levels of government; and be it further

Sec. 2. Steering committee membership. Resolved: That the steering committee consists of the following 13 members:

1. Two members representing municipal interests, appointed by the Director of the State Planning Office within the Executive Department;

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- 2 2. One member representing regional councils, appointed by
the Director of the State Planning Office;
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- 6 3. One member representing county interests, appointed by
the Director of the State Planning Office;
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- 10 4. Two members representing private sector geographic
information systems interests, appointed by the Director of the
State Planning Office;
- 12 5. One member representing real estate or development
interests, appointed by the Director of the State Planning Office;
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- 16 6. The Director of the Office of Geographic Information
Systems within the Department of Administrative and Financial
Services or the director's designee;
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- 20 7. The Director of the State Planning Office or the
director's designee;
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- 24 8. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the
chancellor's designee;
- 26 9. A member of the public who has a working knowledge of
geographic information systems, appointed by the Director of the
State Planning Office; and
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- 30 10. Two members representing the GIS Executive Council,
appointed by the Director of Administrative and Financial
Services; and be it further
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- 34 **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That in studying and designing the
system, the steering committee shall address, at a minimum, the
following issues:
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- 38 1. The necessary standards and protocols of developing and
maintaining the data, classifying the data and coordinating the
management of the data;
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- 42 2. The levels of accuracy that are needed to fulfill the
purpose of the system;
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- 46 3. How the information will be delivered for access to all
levels of government, different user groups and the public;
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- 50 4. The proper roles for the public and private sector in
establishing, maintaining and funding the system;
- 50 5. Privacy and how it will be protected; and

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2 6. Resource needs and long-term funding options; and be it
4 further

6 **Sec. 4. Staffing. Resolved:** That the State Planning Office
8 within the Executive Department shall provide staff assistance to
10 the steering committee, either directly or through contracted
12 services. The technical portion of the design of the system may
14 be prepared with the assistance of a contracted consultant; and
16 be it further

18 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the steering committee shall
20 submit a report with any accompanying legislation to the Joint
22 Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 15, 2002.
24 Following receipt of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on
26 Natural Resources may introduce legislation to the Second Regular
28 Session of the 120th Legislature; and be it further

30 **Sec. 6. Funding for study and design. Resolved:** That the GIS
32 Executive Council of the Information Services Policy Board within
34 the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall, as
36 possible, fund the study and design of the system from existing
38 resources. The State Planning Office within the Executive
40 Department may enter into such agreements with and accept funds
42 from public and private agencies and organizations to accomplish
44 the objectives of this resolve. Smart Growth Initiative funds
46 may be used to accomplish the objectives of this resolve.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

 Authorizing the State Planning Office within the Executive
Department to accept funds from public and private agencies may
result in increased dedicated revenues and subsequent
expenditures for the purpose of developing a land parcel-based
information system. The amounts will depend on whatever funds
are provided by private and public agencies and can not be
determined at this time.

 The State Planning Office within the Executive Department
will incur some minor additional costs to provide staffing for a
steering committee to study and design a cost-effective statewide
geographic information system that can be used for a variety of
planning purposes by all levels of government. These costs can
be absorbed within the office's existing budgeted resources.

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2 The Information Services Policy Board within the Department
of Administrative and Financial Services will incur some minor
4 additional costs to develop and design a land parcel-based
information system. These costs can be absorbed within the
6 department's existing budgeted resources.

8 The University of Maine System will incur some minor
additional costs to participate in the steering committee. These
10 costs can be absorbed within the system's existing budgeted
resources.'

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SUMMARY

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The amendment replaces the original bill with a resolve.
The amendment directs the State Planning Office to convene a
18 steering committee to study and design a system that can be
utilized for a variety of planning purposes. The amendment
20 requires the steering committee to submit a report to the Joint
Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 15, 2002 and
22 authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources to
introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th
24 Legislature. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.