

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Resolve, Establishing a Panel for Repeal of Unnecessary or Archaic Laws.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Baldwin.  
Cosponsored by Senator McALEVEY of York and  
Representatives: CHASE of Levant, DUPREY of Hampden, GOOLEY of Farmington,  
KASPRZAK of Newport, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland,  
STEDMAN of Hartland, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

2           **Sec. 1. Panel established. Resolved:** That the Panel for Repeal  
of Unnecessary or Archaic Laws, referred to in this resolve as  
the "panel," is established; and be it further

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6           **Sec. 2. Panel membership. Resolved:** That the panel consists  
of the following 7 members:

8           1. The President of the Senate shall appoint 2 members from  
the Senate, one from each of the 2 major political parties;

10           2. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 2 members from  
12 the House of Representatives, one from each of the 2 major  
political parties;

14           3. The Governor shall appoint one retired justice or  
16 retired judge; and

18           4. The Governor shall appoint 2 at-large members; and be it  
further

20           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first named Senate member  
22 is the Senate chair of the panel and the first named House of  
Representatives member is the House chair of the panel; and be it  
24 further

26           **Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all  
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
28 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the  
Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing  
30 authorities once the selections have been made. When the  
appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the  
32 panel shall call and convene the first meeting of the panel; and  
be it further

34           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the panel shall review all laws  
36 to determine which are unnecessary or archaic and should be  
repealed; and be it further

38           **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the  
40 Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
shall provide necessary staffing services to the panel; and be it  
42 further

44           **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the panel  
who are Legislators are entitled to the legislative per diem, as  
46 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and  
reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for their  
48 attendance at authorized meetings of the panel. Other members of  
the panel who are not otherwise compensated by their employers or  
50 other entities that they represent are entitled to receive

2 reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred for their attendance  
at authorized meetings; and be it further

4 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the panel shall submit its  
report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to  
6 the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than  
November 1, 2001. If the panel requires a limited extension of  
8 time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative  
Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

10 **Sec. 9. Budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the panel, with  
12 assistance from the panel staff, shall administer the panel's  
budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the panel shall  
14 present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative  
Council for approval. The panel may not incur expenses that  
16 would result in the panel exceeding its approved budget. Upon  
request from the panel, the Executive Director of the Legislative  
18 Council shall promptly provide the panel chairs and staff with a  
status report on the panel's budget, expenditures incurred and  
20 paid and available funds.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This resolve establishes a panel for repeal of unnecessary  
26 or archaic laws.