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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 776, L.D. 1020, "Resolve, to Designate Regional Rare Book, Manuscript and Vital Records Depositories"

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

'Resolve, to Assess the Condition of Historical Records in Maine Historical Records Repositories'

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

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, historical records in historical records repositories must be protected and preserved; and

Whereas, access to those records must be ensured; and

Whereas, the condition of historical records in historical records repositories throughout the State must be assessed in order to provide for their protection, preservation and access; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Assessment. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State and the University of Maine System, in consultation with professionals with expertise in the preservation of documents, shall develop a comprehensive plan for assessing:

1. The condition of historical records in the State;
2. Threats to the integrity of those records; and
3. Accessibility of those records.

For the purposes of this resolve, the term "historical records" includes rare books and other published materials with unique historical value as well as original records with historical value. The plan must include an educational component that provides assistance to historical records repositories in protecting, preserving and providing access to those historical records; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State and the University of Maine System, in cooperation with the Maine Historical Records Advisory Board and other organizations and individuals concerned with historical records, shall submit a report along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than February 1, 2002. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature pertaining to the preservation and protection of historical records and access to those records.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

The additional costs associated with consultation and reporting activities regarding development of a plan for assessing the condition of certain documents can be absorbed by

2 the University of Maine System and the Office of the Secretary of  
State utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment replaces the resolve, makes the resolve an  
emergency and changes the title of the resolve.

10 This amendment requires the Secretary of State and the  
12 University of Maine System to plan for assessing the condition of  
historical records in Maine, the threats to the integrity of  
14 those records and accessibility of those records. The plan must  
include an educational component that provides assistance to  
16 historical records repositories in protecting, preserving and  
providing access to those materials.

18 The amendment directs the Secretary of State and the  
University of Maine System to report back to the Joint Standing  
20 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on that plan by  
February 1, 2002.

22 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.