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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 794

House of Representatives, February 20, 2001

**Resolve, Requiring the Maine Municipal Association, the Maine County Commissioners Association and the Office of the Governor to Establish a Permanent Statewide Intergovernmental Advisory Commission.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRISON of Baileyville.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BERRY of Livermore,  
MICHAUD of Fort Kent, ROSEN of Bucksport, THOMAS of Orono.

2           **Sec. 1. Advisory commission established. Resolved:** That the  
Intergovernmental Advisory Commission, referred to in this  
resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

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6           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission  
consists of the following 21 members:

8           1. Seven members from the State appointed by the Governor,  
5 of whom must be commissioners and 2 of whom must be Legislators;

10           2. Seven county officials appointed by the Maine County  
Commissioners Association; and

12           3. Seven municipal officers appointed by the Maine  
Municipal Association; and be it further

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16           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the 2 Legislators are  
cochairs; and be it further

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

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30           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall:

32           1. Study ways to reduce duplication among all 3 levels of  
government in the State as well as within each level of  
government;

34           2. Promote communications, cooperation and efficient  
delivery of services;

36           3. Monitor and discuss demands one level of government  
makes of another level; and

40           4. Develop a mechanism to establish a permanent Statewide  
Intergovernmental Advisory Commission; and be it further

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44           **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the State Planning  
Office, the Maine Municipal Association and the Maine County  
Commissioners Association shall staff the commission out of  
existing resources and shall contribute funds equally to pay for  
any agreed upon expenses; and be it further

2       **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit  
its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation,  
4       to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later  
than January 15, 2002. If the commission requires a limited  
6       extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the  
Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it  
further

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10       **Sec. 8. Budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the commission,  
with assistance from the commission staff, shall administer the  
commission's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the  
12       commission shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the  
Legislative Council for approval. The commission may not incur  
14       expenses that would result in the commission's exceeding its  
approved budget. Upon request from the commission, the Executive  
16       Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the  
commission chairs and staff with a status report on the  
18       commission's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available  
funds.

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## SUMMARY

24       This resolve requires the Maine Municipal Association, the  
Maine County Commissioners Association and the Office of the  
26       Governor to establish a permanent statewide intergovernmental  
advisory commission.