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In Senate, March 8, 2001

Resolve, to Create a Commission to Review the Landlord-tenant Laws in the State.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.

	Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission
2	to Review Landlord-tenant Laws, 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 12 members:
8	1. Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President
10	of the Senate;
12	 Three members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
14	3. Three members of the public who are landlords, jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
16	House; and
18	4. Three members of the public who are tenants, jointly appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
20	House; and be it further
22	Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first named Senate member is the Senate chair of the commission and the first named House
24	of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission; and be it further
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28	Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following passage
30	of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the
32	selections have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the commission shall call and
34	convene the first meeting of the commission no later that 10 days after all members have been appointed; and be it further
36	Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study the
38	State's landlord-tenant laws and develop recommendations to update or improve the laws. In examining these laws, the commission may:
40	Commission may.
42	 Hold informational sessions for discussions with knowledgeable persons;
44	Conduct, summarize and analyze the results of a literature search;
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48	Conduct, tabulate and analyze the results of a survey of the public or affected persons and groups;
50	4. Procure and analyze relevant data:

- 5. Conduct legal research and prepare opinions on legal questions within the scope of the study; and
- 6. Determine and summarize the legislative actions or governmental programs undertaken in other jurisdictions related to issues within the scope of the study; and be it further
- Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That, upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further
- Compensation. Resolved: 14 That members the οf commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, 16 Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other 18 necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the commission. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or 20 other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses for their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission; and be it further 22
 - Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report along with any recommended legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than December 1, 2001. If the commission requires a limited extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further
 - Sec. 9. Budget. Resolved: 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 commission shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The commission may not incur expenses that would result in the commission's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's designee shall provide the commission chairs and staff with a status report on the commission budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

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This resolve creates a commission to review and recommend updates of the landlord-tenant laws in the State.