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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Review Landlord-tenant Laws, referred to in this resolve as
the "commission," is established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission
6 consists of the following 12 members:

8 1. Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President
of the Senate;

10 2. Three members from the House of Representatives,
12 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

26 **Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
28 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following passage
of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative
30 Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the
selections have been made. When the appointment of all members
32 has been completed, the chairs of the commission shall call and
convene the first meeting of the commission no later than 10 days
34 after all members have been appointed; and be it further

36 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study the
State's landlord-tenant laws and develop recommendations to
38 update or improve the laws. In examining these laws, the
commission may:

40 1. Hold informational sessions for discussions with
42 knowledgeable persons;

44 2. Conduct, summarize and analyze the results of a
literature search;

46 3. Conduct, tabulate and analyze the results of a survey of
48 the public or affected persons and groups;

50 4. Procure and analyze relevant data;

