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House of Representatives, March 13, 2001

**Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Study Maine's Election
Procedures and Voting Laws.**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SHIELDS of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator TURNER of Cumberland and
Representatives: DUNCAN of Presque Isle, HEIDRICH of Oxford, LABRECQUE of
Gorham, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Study Maine's Election Procedures and Voting Laws, referred
4 to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be
it further

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

8 1. The members of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and
10 Veterans Affairs;

12 2. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee; and

14 3. Two members appointed by a statewide association of
16 municipal clerks, one who represents large communities and
one who represents small communities; and be it further

18 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the chairs of the Joint
Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs are the chairs
20 of the commission; and be it further

22 **Sec. 4. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the
24 effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the
Legislative Council must be notified by the appointing authority
26 once the selections have been made. When the appointment of all
members has been completed, the chairs of the commission shall
28 call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later
than 15 days after the appointment of members; and be it further

30 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall review the
32 laws governing election procedures and voting in this State and
develop recommendations to improve those laws; and be it further

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

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

