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121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 292, L.D. 372, "Resolve, to Improve Community Safety and Sex Offender Accountability"

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Amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of the first indented paragraph after subsection 7 (page 2, lines 40 to 42 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

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'The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court is invited to designate a judge or a justice to serve on the commission as a member; and be it further'

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Further amend the amendment on page 2 by inserting after the first indented paragraph after subsection 7 the following:

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'Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 3. Appointments; chairs; meetings. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once the appointments have been completed. The Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair. The chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than 15 days after appointments of all members. The commission may hold a total of 4 meetings, one of which may be a public hearing; and be it further'

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2 Further amend the resolve in section 6 in the last line
(page 2, line 46 in L.D.) by inserting after the following:
"meetings" the following: 'and, upon a demonstration of financial
4 hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem for their
attendance at authorized meetings of the commission'

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8 Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the 2nd line (page
2, line 49 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "advance its
work" and inserting in its place the following: 'support the
10 study' '

12 Further amend the amendment on pages 2 and 3 by striking out
all of section 8 (page 2, lines 47 to 52 and page 3, lines 1 to 6
14 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

16 '**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a
report that includes its findings and recommendations, including
18 suggested legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 121st
Legislature no later than December 3, 2003. If the commission
20 requires an extension of time to complete its report, it may
apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.
22 Following review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on
Criminal Justice and Public Safety may report out a bill related
24 to the study to the Second Regular Session of the 121st
Legislature; and be it further'

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28 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment accomplishes the following:

32 1. It alters the language that allows the Chief Justice of
the Supreme Judicial Court to designate a judge or justice to
34 serve on the commission;

36 2. It requires the commission chairs, rather than the
Executive Director of the Legislative Council, to convene the
38 commission;

40 3. It reduces from 6 to 4 the number of meetings authorized
for the commission;

42 4. It authorizes reimbursement of expenses to public
44 members upon a showing of financial hardship;

46 5. It authorizes the commission to submit its report to the
Legislature, rather than to the Joint Standing Committee on
48 Criminal Justice and Public Safety;

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2 6. It changes the reporting date from December 1, 2003 to
December 3, 2003; and

4 7. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal
Justice and Public Safety to report out a single bill related to
6 the study.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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SPONSORED BY:



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(Senator GAGNON)

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COUNTY: Kennebec

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**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 372

**Resolve, To Improve Community Safety and Sex Offender
Accountability**

LR 0374(04)

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Gagnon

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the number of meetings, reducing the cost of the bill by \$1,110 in fiscal year 2003-04. The Legislature will fund the remaining \$4,680 cost from its study table budget.