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House of Representatives, March 6, 2003

Resolve, To Establish the Intergovernmental Advisory Commission

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOWEN of Rockport.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and
Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, FLETCHER of Winslow, JACKSON of Fort Kent,
KAELIN of Winterport, RECTOR of Thomaston, SAVIELLO of Wilton, SHERMAN of
Hodgdon, SUSLOVIC of Portland.

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

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

8 1. Seven members from State Government, 5 of whom must be
commissioners appointed by the Governor and 2 of whom must be
10 Legislators, one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate
and one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House;

12 2. Seven county officials recommended by the Maine County
14 Commissioners Association to be appointed by the Governor; and

16 3. Seven municipal officers recommended by the Maine
Municipal Association to be appointed by the Governor; and be it
18 further;

20 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the 2 legislative members of
the commission are the cochairs; and be it further

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

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

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

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

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

42 4. Study ways to cut government waste and improve the
44 efficiency of service delivery;

46 5. Develop a mechanism to establish a permanent statewide
intergovernmental advisory commission;

2 6. Implement the other reforms proposed by the Task Force
on Intergovernmental Structure, in its November 1997 Final
4 Report, including, but not limited to, the creation of a county
revenue sharing program and assistance to counties to undertake
6 reforms of their charters and their provision of municipal
services; and

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 7. Recommend further reforms as its findings dictate; and
10 be it further

12 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, the Executive
Department, State Planning Office, the Maine Municipal
14 Association and the Maine County Commissioners Association shall
provide necessary staffing services to the commission out of
16 existing resources and shall contribute funds equally to pay for
any agreed upon expenses; and be it further

18 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members
20 of the commission are entitled to the legislative per diem, as
defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and
22 reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to
their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission.
24 Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or
other entities that they represent are entitled to receive
26 reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of
financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem
28 for their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission;
and be it further

30 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15,
32 2004, the commission shall submit a report that includes its
findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation,
34 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 121st
Legislature; and be it further

36 **Sec. 9. Extension. Resolved:** That, if the commission requires
38 a limited extension of time to complete its study and make its
report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant
40 an extension; and be it further

42 **Sec. 10. Commission budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the
commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall
44 administer the commission's budget. Within 10 days after its
first meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and
46 proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The
commission may not incur expenses that would result in the
48 commission's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from
the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council
50 shall promptly provide the commission chairs and staff with a

2 status report on the commission budget, expenditures incurred and
paid and available funds.

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SUMMARY

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8 This resolve establishes the Intergovernmental Advisory
Commission to study ways to reduce duplication among all 3 levels
10 of government in the State as well as within each level of
government; promote communications, cooperation and efficient
12 delivery of services; and develop a mechanism to establish a
permanent statewide intergovernmental advisory commission.