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Resolve, To Study the Citizen Initiative Process

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FISHER of Brewer, HOTHAM of
Dixfield, MOODY of Manchester, PATRICK of Rumford.

2 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force to
Study the Citizen Initiative Process, referred to in this resolve
as "the task force," is established; and be it further

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6 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force
consists of 8 members appointed as follows:

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

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12 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed
by the Speaker of the House; and

14 3. Four members appointed by the Governor:

16 A. One member representing a statewide organization with
experience in opposition to a citizen initiative;

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20 B. One member representing a consulting group or business
that offers referendum campaign services;

22 C. One member representing a citizens' group that initiated
by petition a proposal that was enacted by the Legislature
or by the people of the State in referendum; and

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26 D. One member representing the general public; and be it
further

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30 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall
serve as chair of the task force; and be it further

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

40 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall hold
meetings at various locations in the State, to be determined by
42 the chair. The task force shall develop a proposal with any
44 suggested changes to the citizen initiative process; and be it
further

2 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council
shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force; and
be it further

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6 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members
of the task force are entitled to receive the legislative per
diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section
8 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses
related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the task
10 force. Public members not otherwise compensated by their
employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to
12 receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a
demonstration of financial hardship, a per diem equal to the
14 legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings
of the task force; and be it further

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18 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 2,
2006, the task force shall submit a report that includes its
findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation,
20 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd
Legislature. The task force is authorized to introduce
22 legislation related to its report to the task force at the time
of submission of its report; and be it further

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

30 **Sec. 10. Task force budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the
task force, with assistance from the task force staff, shall
32 administer the task force's budget. Within 10 days after its
first meeting, the task force shall present a work plan and
34 proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The
task force may not incur expenses that would result in the task
36 force's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the
task force, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council
38 shall promptly provide the task force chairs and staff with a
status report on the task force budget, expenditures incurred and
40 paid and available funds.

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SUMMARY

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46 This resolve establishes the Task Force to Study the Citizen
Initiative Process. The resolve also directs the task force to
file its report by January 2, 2006.