

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, May 3, 2005

### **Resolve, To Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission To Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.  
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety 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 President EDMONDS of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick and  
Senators: ANDREWS of York, DIAMOND of Cumberland, GAGNON of Kennebec, MAYO  
of Sagadahoc, ROSEN of Hancock, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, Representative: TUTTLE of  
Sanford.

2           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Blue Ribbon  
Commission to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs, referred to  
4           in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it  
further

6           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission  
consists of 17 members appointed as follows:

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10           1. Two Senators, who may not be members of the same  
political party, appointed by the President of the Senate;

12           2. Two members of the House of Representatives, who may not  
be members of the same political party, appointed by the Speaker  
14           of the House;

16           3. The Adjutant General, or the Adjutant General's designee;

18           4. One member who is an elected representative of municipal  
government, nominated by a statewide organization that represents  
20           municipal government, appointed by the Governor;

22           5. One member who is a fire chief, nominated by a statewide  
organization that represents municipal fire chiefs, appointed by  
24           the Governor;

26           6. One member who is a firefighter, nominated by a  
statewide organization that represents firefighters, appointed by  
28           the Governor;

30           7. One member who is a county sheriff or chief deputy  
sheriff, nominated by a statewide organization that represents  
32           county sheriffs, appointed by the Governor;

34           8. One member who is a municipal police chief, nominated by  
a statewide organization that represents police chiefs, appointed  
36           by the Governor;

38           9. One member who is an emergency room physician, nominated  
by a statewide organization that represents physicians, appointed  
40           by the Governor;

42           10. One member who is a public health professional,  
nominated by a statewide organization that represents the public  
44           health community, appointed by the Governor;

46           11. One member who is a port security professional,  
nominated by an organization that represents port security  
48           officials, appointed by the Governor;

12. Four members representing the public interest, one  
2 appointed by the President of the Senate, one appointed by the  
Speaker of the House of Representatives and 2 members appointed  
4 by the Governor; and be it further

6 **Sec. 3. Chair. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member  
is the Senate chair of the commission and the first-named House  
8 of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission;  
and be it further

10 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That  
12 all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall  
14 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all  
appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after  
16 appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the  
first meeting of the commission, which may be no later than  
18 November 1, 2005; and be it further

20 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall examine,  
by conducting public hearings and through other means of  
22 collecting relevant information, the following issues concerning  
the State's homeland security preparedness:

24 1. Analyze Maine's homeland security needs in a wide range  
26 of areas, including, but not limited to, law enforcement,  
emergency preparedness, public health, port and airport security  
28 and sensitive-target security;

30 2. Review the current state of homeland security  
preparedness, spending priorities and any gap between available  
32 resources and identified needs in such areas as personnel,  
equipment and training, including review of the impact of Maine  
34 National Guard and Reserve deployments abroad on Maine's  
emergency preparedness; and

36 3. Review current federal homeland security spending  
38 priorities as they relate to the State and the nation, including,  
but not limited to, the proposed reduction in federal homeland  
40 security funds for the State; and be it further

42 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Maine Emergency  
Management Agency shall provide necessary staffing services to  
44 the commission; and be it further

46 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the legislative members  
of the commission are entitled to receive the legislative per  
48 diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section  
2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses  
50 related to their attendance at authorized meetings of

2 the commission. All other members not otherwise compensated by  
3 their employers or other entities that they represent are  
4 entitled to receive the legislative per diem and reimbursement of  
5 necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized  
6 meetings of the commission; and be it further

7 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 17,  
8 2006, the commission shall submit an interim report that includes  
9 findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to  
10 the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature. The  
11 commission is authorized to introduce a bill related to its  
12 report to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature at  
13 the time of submission of its report. No later than December 15,  
14 2006, the commission shall submit a final report that includes  
15 its findings and recommendations, including suggested  
16 legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 123rd  
17 Legislature. The commission is authorized to introduce a bill  
18 related to its report to the First Regular Session of the 123rd  
19 Legislature at the time of submission of its report; and be it  
20 further

21 **Sec. 9. Extension. Resolved:** That, if the commission requires  
22 a limited extension of time to complete its interim or final  
23 study and make its report, it may apply to the Legislative  
24 Council, which may grant an extension; and be it further

25 **Sec. 10. Funding; budget. Resolved:** That the Maine Emergency  
26 Management Agency shall provide funding for the operation of the  
27 commission and shall manage the commission's budget.

## 32 SUMMARY

33 This resolve establishes a study commission to analyze the  
34 State's homeland security needs, the State's current level of  
35 homeland security preparedness and the Federal Government's  
36 homeland security spending priorities as they relate to the  
37 State. The commission is required to submit an interim report of  
38 its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by January  
39 17, 2006 and a final report by December 15, 2006.