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L.D. 593

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 184,
L.D. 593, "Resolve, To Establish a Second Public Safety Answering Point for Kennebec
County"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the
summary and inserting the following:

'Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Concerning Public Safety Answering Points for Kennebec County'

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 3rd and 4th
paragraphs (page 1, lines 8 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Whereas, issues of software compatibility and cost must be addressed prior to
implementing the consolidation of public safety answering points in Kennebec County;
and'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Delay implementation of consolidation. Resolved: That,
notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Public Utilities
Commission shall delay implementation of the consolidation of public safety answering
points in Kennebec County until October 1, 2009; and be it further

Sec. 2. Review; report. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, within
its existing resources, shall work with the Public Utilities Commission and affected
municipalities in Kennebec County to examine issues associated with the consolidation of
public safety answering points in Kennebec County, including but not limited to issues
concerning software compatibility and cost and other potential configurations of
municipalities within public safety answering points in Kennebec County. The
Department of Public Safety shall submit a report on its findings, including any
recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy no later than
January 1, 2008. The report must also include a mechanism to ensure that any savings



1 that will accrue from consolidation of public safety answering points in Kennebec County
2 are returned to the affected member municipalities. After receipt and review of the report,
3 the joint standing committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the
4 123rd Legislature; and be it further

5 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
6 appropriations and allocations are made.

7 **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

8 **Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994**

9 Initiative: Provides funds for the projected costs associated with equipping 3 public safety
10 answering points in Waterville, Augusta and the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office.

11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
12	All Other	\$390,855	\$390,855
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14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$390,855	\$390,855

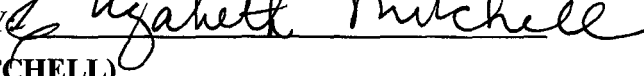
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16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment eliminates the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission
18 amend its rules to require 2 public safety answering points in Kennebec County and
19 instead delays implementation of the consolidation of public safety answering points in
20 Kennebec County until October 1, 2009. This amendment requires the Department of
21 Public Safety within its existing resources to work with the Public Utilities Commission
22 and affected municipalities in Kennebec County to examine issues concerning software
23 compatibility and cost and other potential configurations. The department must also
24 identify a mechanism to ensure that any savings that will accrue from consolidation of
25 public safety answering points in Kennebec County are returned to the affected member
26 municipalities. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint
27 Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy no later than January 1, 2008. The joint
28 standing committee is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of
29 the 123rd Legislature.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

31 (See attached)

32 **SPONSORED BY** 
33 (Senator MITCHELL)

34 **COUNTY: Kennebec**

**123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 593****LR 918(06)****Resolve, To Establish a Second Public Safety Answering Point for Kennebec County****Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A"****Sponsor: Sen. Mitchell of Kennebec****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$272,355	\$272,355	\$272,355	\$272,355

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will require the Public Utilities Commission to negotiate an amendment to the 2006-2011 contract to equip Waterville, Augusta and the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office as additional public safety answering points (PSAPs) in Kennebec County until final consolidation is implemented in October of 2009. The incremental increase from this amendment is \$272,355 annually beginning in fiscal year 2007-08. As amended, the bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public Utilities Commission of \$390,855 annually beginning in fiscal year 2007-08 to provide funds to equip these additional PSAPs.