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**Resolve, To Create the Commission To Aid Municipalities in
Consolidating Public Safety Organizations**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CEBRA of Naples.
Cosponsored by Senator NASS of York and
Representatives: GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HOLMAN of Fayette, LANSLEY of Sabattus,
PINGREE of North Haven, ROBINSON of Raymond, SYKES of Harrison, Senators:
DIAMOND of Cumberland, PLOWMAN of Penobscot.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Aid
2 Municipalities in Consolidating Public Safety Organizations, referred to in this resolve as
3 "the commission," is established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
5 7 members appointed as follows:

- 6 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 7 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives;
- 9 3. One municipal official, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 10 4. One municipal public safety officer, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives; and
- 12 5. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee; and be it
13 further

14 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
15 chair of the commission and the first-named House of Representatives member is the
16 House chair of the commission; and be it further

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

23 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study ways to implement
24 the consolidation of municipal public safety organizations into regional public safety
25 organizations; and be it further

26 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
27 necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

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

36 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 5, 2007, the commission
37 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested

1 legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and
2 Public Safety and the Legislative Council. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal
3 Justice and Public Safety is authorized to introduce legislation related to the report to the
4 Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature at the time of submission of the report;
5 and be it further

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

9 **Sec. 10. Commission budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the commission,
10 with assistance from the commission staff, shall administer the commission's budget.
11 Within 10 days after its first meeting, the commission shall present a work plan and
12 proposed budget to the Legislative Council for its approval. The commission may not
13 incur expenses that would result in the commission's exceeding its approved budget.
14 Upon request from the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council
15 shall promptly provide the commission chairs and staff with a status report on the
16 commission budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This resolve establishes the Commission to Aid Municipalities in Consolidating
19 Public Safety Organizations to study ways to implement the consolidation of municipal
20 public safety organizations into regional public safety organizations.