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# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1188

House of Representatives, March 23, 2007

### **Resolve, To Study the Enactment Procedures for Municipal Ordinances**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BERUBE of Lisbon, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of  
Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven, SIMPSON of Auburn, TARDY of Newport, Senators:  
BARTLETT of Cumberland, COURTNEY of York.

1       **Sec. 1. Study of municipal ordinance enactment procedures. Resolved:**  
2       That the Executive Department, State Planning Office, referred to in this resolve as "the  
3       office," shall convene a working group to study and reform the laws governing the  
4       enactment procedures for municipal ordinances. The office shall invite the participation  
5       of all interested parties. The office shall report the findings, recommendations and  
6       implementing legislation of the working group to the Joint Standing Committee on State  
7       and Local Government no later than January 15, 2008. The Joint Standing Committee on  
8       State and Local Government may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the  
9       123rd Legislature implementing the recommendations of the working group regarding  
10      changes to municipal ordinance enactment procedures.

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### SUMMARY

12       This resolve requires the Executive Department, State Planning Office to convene a  
13      working group of persons interested in studying and reforming the laws governing the  
14      enactment procedures for municipal ordinances. The office is required to report to the  
15      Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government with findings,  
16      recommendations and legislation to implement those recommendations.