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House of Representatives, February 17, 2009

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Public Safety Answering Points

Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative COTTA of China.
Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and
Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, CLEARY of Houlton, CRAY of Palmyra,
FLETCHER of Winslow, GOODE of Bangor, MILLER of Somerville, SAVIELLO of Wilton,
Senator: GOOLEY of Franklin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to enact specific requirements that must be met prior to any
6 consolidation or reconfiguration of public safety answering points. Under the bill, prior
7 to the consolidation or reconfiguration of any public safety answering points:

8 1. A study must be conducted and submitted to the joint standing committee of the
9 Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. The report must include
10 an analysis of the costs and benefits of the proposed configuration of public safety
11 answering points, including but not limited to an analysis of:

12 A. The anticipated total system costs, including but not limited to maintenance,
13 training and operating expenses;

14 B. The impact on direct dispatch of emergency services, transfer routing and relay
15 routing; and

16 C. The specific benefits and costs to individual affected municipalities and
17 communities; and

18 2. Each municipality or community that is affected by the proposed consolidation or
19 reconfiguration of public safety answering points must be afforded the opportunity to
20 vote to accept or reject the proposed consolidation or reconfiguration.