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In Senate, March 25, 2009

**Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Review Tax  
Increment Financing in the Unorganized Territory**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation 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 Senator NASS of York.

1           Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3           **Whereas**, this resolve establishes a study commission that is to report its findings by  
4 December 2, 2009 and the commission must begin its work before the 90-day period  
5 expires after regular adjournment to give it enough time to study its subject; and

6           **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within  
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as  
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10           **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Review  
11 Tax Increment Financing in the Unorganized Territory, referred to in this resolve as "the  
12 commission," is established; and be it further

13           **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of  
14 13 members appointed as follows:

15           1. Three Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must be  
16 from the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and 2 of whom must be landowners;

17           2. Four members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House, 3 of whom  
18 must be from the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and one of whom must be a  
19 landowner;

20           3. Three members appointed by the Governor, 2 of whom must be representatives of  
21 county government and one of whom must be an expert on tax increment financing;

22           4. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the  
23 commissioner's designee;

24           5. The fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory within the Department of  
25 Audit or the administrator's designee; and

26           6. The State Tax Assessor or the State Tax Assessor's designee; and be it further

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

30           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all  
31 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
32 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
33 Council once all appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after appointment  
34 of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission,  
35 which must be no later than August 1, 2009; and be it further

