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STATE OF MAINE
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125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 297, L.D. 951, "Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Priorities and Timing of Judicial Proceedings in State Courts"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 11 members appointed as follows:

- 1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including at least one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including at least one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 3. Two members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court;
- 4. One member appointed by the Attorney General; and
- 5. One representative of the Maine Trial Lawyers Association designated by the Maine Trial Lawyers Association; and be it further'

Amend the resolve by inserting after section 4 the following:

Sec. 5. Participation. Resolved: That the commission shall seek the participation of the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Prosecutors Association, Pine Tree Legal Assistance, the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services and the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and may seek the participation of any other individuals or organizations whose participation or input may be helpful; and be it further'

Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment reduces the size of the Commission To Study Priorities and Timing of Judicial Proceedings in State Courts and revises the membership to include 3 Senators, instead of 2 as proposed by the resolve. It deletes as required members representatives of the Maine State Bar Association, the Maine Prosecutors Association and Pine Tree Legal Assistance. Instead, this amendment requires the commission to seek the participation of these organizations as well as the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services and the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. It also authorizes the commission to seek the participation of any other individuals or organizations.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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Approved: 05/19/11 *MAC*



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study Priorities and Timing of Judicial Proceedings in State Courts

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-213

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$4,490 in fiscal year 2011-12. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2011-12 for legislative studies. Whether that amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.