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

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative NASS of Acton and
Senators: BLISS of Cumberland, HILL of York, HOBBS 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 legislation establishes the Commission To Study Priorities and
4 Timing of Judicial Proceedings in State Courts; and

5 **Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that
6 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next
7 legislative session; and

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

12 **Sec. 1. Commission To Study Priorities and Timing of Judicial**
13 **Proceedings in State Courts established. Resolved:** That the Commission To
14 Study Priorities and Timing of Judicial Proceedings in State Courts, referred to in this
15 resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

16 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
17 13 members appointed as follows:

18 1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a
19 member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

20 2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
21 House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats
22 in the Legislature;

23 3. Two members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court;

24 4. One member appointed by the Attorney General;

25 5. One representative of the Maine State Bar Association nominated by the Maine
26 State Bar Association;

27 6. One representative of the Maine Prosecutors Association nominated by the Maine
28 Prosecutors Association;

29 7. One representative of the Maine Trial Lawyers Association nominated by the
30 Maine Trial Lawyers Association; and

31 8. One representative of Pine Tree Legal Assistance nominated by Pine Tree Legal
32 Assistance; and be it further

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

