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House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Review the Laws
Governing Domestic Violence**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, FAY of Raymond, TALBOT ROSS of Portland,
WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: DESCHAMBAULT 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 Review the Laws
4 Governing Domestic Violence; 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 established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Review
13 the Laws Governing Domestic Violence, referred to in this resolve as "the commission,"
14 is established; and be it further

15 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
16 11 members appointed as follows:

17 1. Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including
18 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature.
19 When making the appointments, the President shall give preference to members of the
20 Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing
21 Committee on Judiciary;

22 2. Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
23 House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats
24 in the Legislature. When making the appointments, the Speaker shall give preference to
25 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the
26 Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary;

27 3. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;

28 4. The Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee;

29 5. A representative of a statewide organization to end domestic violence and assault,
30 appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

31 6. A judge or retired judge from the District Court, appointed by the Chief Justice of
32 the Supreme Judicial Court; 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

