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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1180, L.D. 1591, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Identify Places with Offensive Names and Methods of Changing Those Names"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Identification of offensive names for geographic features and other places. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall work jointly with the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations, jointly referred to in this resolve as "the department and commission," to review state law regarding offensive place names. The department and commission shall:

1. Review the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1101 to determine and suggest any additional words to be included in the current definition of offensive name;

2. Establish a uniform process for renaming geographic features and other places that have offensive names; and

3. Explore the most effective methods of identifying the individuals, entities and institutions in the State that profited or benefited in any manner from the global economy of enslavement.

It is the intent of this resolve that the department and commission carry out their responsibilities within the existing resources of the department and commission. The department and commission may solicit, accept and expend funds to cover any expenses that are in excess of existing resources.

By December 1, 2021, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit a report pursuant to this section, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. The joint standing committee may submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.'

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

SUMMARY

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2 This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment directs the Department of
3 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to work jointly with the Permanent Commission on
4 the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to:

5 1. Review the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1101 to determine and suggest
6 any additional words to be included in the current definition of offensive name;

7 2. Establish a uniform process for renaming geographic features and other places that
8 have offensive names; and

9 3. Explore the most effective methods of identifying the individuals, entities and
10 institutions in the State that profited or benefited in any manner from the global economy
11 of enslavement.

12 The amendment provides that it is the intent that the department and commission carry
13 out its responsibilities within their existing resources. The department and commission
14 may solicit, accept and expend funds to cover any expenses that are in excess of existing
15 resources.

16 The amendment requires the department to submit a report to the Joint Standing
17 Committee on Judiciary by December 1, 2021. The joint standing committee is authorized
18 to submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1591

LR 42(02)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *(ACH-719)*

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations from convening a working group to review state law regarding offensive place names, establish a process for renaming places with offensive names and exploring methods to identify entities that profited or benefitted from the global economy of enslavement are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.