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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 6. Reimbursement; mileage. Resolved: That the members of the commission are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses or legislative per diem except that legislative members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage upon application to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit a report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature by November 1, 1995; and be it further

Sec. 8. Funding. Resolved: That the commission may seek outside sources of funding; and be it further

Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger and Food Security

All Other	\$7,000
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See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 75

S.P. 773 - L.D. 1996

Resolve, to Establish a Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry

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

Whereas, the paper industry has served as a mainstay of the State's economy for over 100 years, directly or indirectly providing vital employment to thousands of families in the State; and

Whereas, the health of the paper industry nationally is in doubt and recent production declines within the State have brought into question the industry's long-term ability to remain a major part of the State's economy; and

Whereas, these developments threaten the paper industry's historic role as a major employer in

the State, creating the potential for a devastating ripple effect throughout the State's economy; and

Whereas, the continued health and vitality of the paper industry in the State is an issue of vital concern to the entire State and deserving of immediate study to determine what problems the industry is facing and what, if any, actions the State may take to assist the industry; and

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

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission on the Future of Maine's Paper Industry is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 8 members:

1. Four members appointed by the Governor;
2. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate; and
3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In making these appointments, the appointing authority shall consider the appointment of persons with expertise and experience in economics, business or finance. One member must represent the interests of the environment and one member must represent the interests of labor; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings; chair. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have been made. When the appointment of all members is complete, the Chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than June 15, 1994. At the first meeting, the commission shall select a chair from among its members; and be it further

Sec. 4. Procedure. Resolved: That in conducting the study, the commission may:

1. Seek and receive private and public funding to finance all or portions of the study;
2. Meet at convenient times and locations;

3. Hold informational sessions for discussions with knowledgeable persons;
4. Conduct, summarize and analyze the results of a literature search;
5. Conduct, tabulate and analyze the results of a survey of the public or affected persons and groups;
6. Procure and analyze relevant data;
7. Conduct legal research and prepare opinions on legal questions within the scope of the study; and
8. Determine and summarize the legislative actions or governmental programs undertaken in other jurisdictions related to issues within the scope of the study; and be it further

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study all issues related to the future of the paper industry in the State, which may include the following:

1. Determination of the effect of the domestic paper industry on the State and local economies;
2. The expected future trends for the industry;
3. The effects of international competition;
4. The effects of competition from other states;
5. The effect of the State's taxation policies;
6. Workforce levels in the domestic paper industry;
7. Current or potential market niches for paper products;
8. The adequacy of existing transportation services, including the utility of rail service;
9. The effects of state environmental regulations on the domestic industry and the effects of changing technology and manufacturing processes on environmental issues;
10. Possibilities for alternative or ancillary production processes at existing domestic paper mills, such as cogeneration or the manufacture of wood products other than paper;
11. An examination of the paper industry's investment policy in the State as compared to investment in facilities located elsewhere;
12. An evaluation of the continued viability of the domestic paper industry and effects that current state policies have on the evaluation, along with any recommendations for alternative policies that may

encourage the continued viability of the domestic paper industry; and

13. Any other issues that the commission believes are relevant.

In conducting the study, the commission shall perform an in-depth study and analysis of 2 domestic paper mills that have experienced recent workforce or production declines as case examples of the domestic paper industry; and be it further

Sec. 6. Confidential information. Resolved: That for the purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, chapter 13, the commission, by majority vote, may designate as a confidential record any material that is of a proprietary nature, disclosure of which could adversely affect the interests of the party that supplied the information; and be it further

Sec. 7. Assistance. Resolved: That the commission may request staff assistance from the Legislative Council. Upon request, all agencies of State Government shall cooperate fully with the commission in providing assistance or data to facilitate the commission's work; and be it further

Sec. 8. Reimbursement. Resolved: That members of the commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 for each day's attendance at commission meetings; and be it further

Sec. 9. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit its report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters and to the Maine Economic Growth Council as established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 929-A no later than January 15, 1995.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective April 15, 1994.

CHAPTER 76

S.P. 673 - L.D. 1845

Resolve, Concerning Reauthorization of the \$6,500,000 Unissued Balance of the \$9,520,000 Bond Issue for Construction and Renovation of Juvenile Correctional Facilities