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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**1995**

Except the chair, any task force member who is unable to attend a task force meeting may be represented at the meeting by a person named by that member; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Meetings; chair; confidential information. Resolved:** That the task force shall meet by April 15, 1996 and after that date as necessary to accomplish its duties. All meetings of the task force are public meetings within the meaning of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter I. All information confidential to a resident or nursing facility must be maintained as confidential by the task force. At the beginning of its work, the task force shall convene at least one meeting at which interested parties and the general public are invited to address the task force; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Staffing. Resolved:** That the department shall provide staffing assistance to the task force; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Voluntary service. Resolved:** That members of the task force serve without compensation or reimbursement of any type; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Reports. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources an interim report by July 15, 1996 and a final report by November 15, 1996. The final report must contain suggestions for changes in rules and the necessary legislation to accomplish the recommendations of the task force. Changes in practice or amendment of departmental rule to accomplish the purposes of this resolve may be made prior to the final report date.

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

Effective April 3, 1996.

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## CHAPTER 72

H.P. 1310 - L.D. 1794

**Resolve, Directing the Land and Water Resources Council to Take Steps Needed to Ensure Successful Implementation of State Land Use Law Reforms**

**Preamble.** Whereas, the 116th Legislature established the Land and Water Resources Council, in part as a means to ensure coordinated, efficient and effective implementation of state land use and environmental laws; and

**Whereas,** by Resolve 1995, chapter 21, the 117th Legislature directed the Land and Water Resources Council to develop alternatives to the site location of development laws, which protect the environment, and to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of those laws; and

**Whereas,** in fulfilling its obligations under Resolve 1995, chapter 21, the Land and Water Resources Council recognizes the need to assess the impact of development sprawl on the fiscal resources of municipal and state government and the State's natural resources; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Cost of development. Resolved:** That the Land and Water Resources Council shall conduct a review of state, regional and municipal policies, programs and other activities that influence the cost of development, redevelopment and related public services and affect land use and development patterns. The Land and Water Resources Council shall recommend measures, such as impact fees, differential tax incentives and cumulative impact criteria that will encourage development patterns that are more compact and less costly to taxpayers; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report to the Legislature. Resolved:** That the Land and Water Resources Council shall report recommendations made pursuant to section 1, including any proposed legislation, as part of its January 1997 annual report.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 73

H.P. 1335 - L.D. 1829

**Resolve, to Name a Portion of Highway in Millinocket in Honor of Prisoners of War and Those Designated as Missing in Action and to Name Portions of Roads That Follow the St. George River**

**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 erection of the sign designating part of Route 157 in Millinocket as a "POW-MIA Highway" will take place on Memorial Day; 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 preserva-

tion of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Naming Route 157 in Millinocket. Resolved:** That the portion of Route 157 extending east from the Central Street Bridge in Millinocket to the Millinocket town line near Dolby Flowage be designated as a "POW-MIA Highway" in memory of prisoners of war and those designated as missing in action and that plaques designed and created by the Katahdin Region Detachment #831 of the Marine Corps League be erected near the terminal points to indicate this designation; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Naming portions of Route 173, Route 131, Route 235 and Route 90 between Town of Montville and Town of Port Clyde. Resolved:** That the route from the Town of Montville and the Town of Port Clyde as described in this section be named "Georges River Scenic Byway." The route consists of that portion of Route 173 beginning in the Town of Montville at its junction with Route 3 and proceeding southeasterly to its junction with Route 131 in the Town of Searsmont; that portion of Route 131 beginning at its junction with Route 173 in the Town of Searsmont and proceeding southerly to its junction with Route 235 in the Town of Union; that portion of Route 235 beginning at its junction with Route 131 in the Town of Union and proceeding southerly to its intersection with the Western Road in the Town of Warren; that portion of the Western Road in the Town of Warren beginning at its intersection with Route 131 and proceeding southerly to its intersection with Route 90; that portion of Route 90 beginning at its intersection with the Western Road and proceeding easterly to its junction with Route 131; and that portion of Route 131 beginning at its junction with Route 90 and proceeding southerly to its terminus in the Town of Port Clyde. The Georges River Land Trust, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, may create plaques and erect them along the route to designate this route as the Georges River Scenic Byway.

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

Effective April 3, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 74**

**S.P. 772 - L.D. 1889**

**Resolve, to Validate the Reform Party Petition**

**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 number of certified signatures required to be filed in order to form a new party pursuant to the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 303, subsection 3, is 25,565; and

**Whereas,** on January 4, 1996, the Secretary of State acknowledged 25,050 properly certified signatures submitted by individuals intending to form the Reform Party; and

**Whereas,** the registrars in the municipalities of Bangor, Brunswick, Portland, Old Town, Saco, Westbrook and Windham have stipulated that there are at least 520 additional signatures that should have been certified on December 14, 1995; and

**Whereas,** this legislation is immediately necessary to allow the Reform Party to participate in the June 1996 primary election, and in all other electoral activities available to political parties during 1996 as long as the Reform Party complies with the applicable laws; 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. Requirements fulfilled. Resolved:** That the Reform Party is deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 303, subsection 3; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Extension for conducting municipal caucuses. Resolved:** That the deadline for the Reform Party for conducting the municipal caucuses required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 303, subsection 4, is extended to April 27, 1996; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Extension for filing notice. Resolved:** That the deadline for the Reform Party for filing a copy of the notice required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 303, subsection 4, is extended to May 10, 1996; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Extension for filing primary petition. Resolved:** That the deadline for the Reform Party for filing a primary petition required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 335, subsection 8, is extended to April 27, 1996; and be it further