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## CHAPTER 212

H.P. 1236 - L.D. 1728

**Resolve, Establishing an  
Apportionment Commission To  
Develop New Cumberland County  
Commissioner Districts**

**Sec. 1. Apportionment commission. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 61, the Legislature shall establish an apportionment commission, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," in accordance with the procedure established in the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1-A to apportion the Cumberland County commissioner districts to increase the number of county commissioner districts in Cumberland County. The commission shall develop 2 plans, one that increases the number of county commissioner districts from 3 to 5 and one that increases the number of districts from 3 to 7. The commission shall include in its apportionment plans the initial terms of office for each commissioner district. The plan to increase the number of districts to 5 must designate 2 commissioner districts that have 2-year initial terms and 3 commissioner districts that have 4-year initial terms. The plan to increase the number of districts to 7 must designate 3 commissioner districts that have 2-year initial terms and 4 commissioner districts that have 4-year initial terms. All subsequent terms under both plans are for 4 years. The commission shall conduct the reapportionment according to the process established in Title 30-A, section 65, subsection 1, paragraphs A and B; and be it further

**Sec. 2. County referendum. Resolved:** That the Cumberland County commissioners shall vote on which plan of the 2 under section 1 to send to the voters and may submit the plan to the voters of Cumberland County at the June 2007 election. The plan must be submitted by the commission to the Clerk of the House of Representatives no later than January 15, 2008 for enactment by the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Election of county commissioners. Resolved:** That the election of Cumberland County commissioners in the reapportioned districts approved pursuant to section 2 must take place on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2008.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 213

S.P. 727 - L.D. 1927

**Resolve, To Collect Information  
about Employer-based Health  
Coverage**

**Sec. 1. Data collection. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall conduct a one-time survey project to collect and analyze information from Maine employers with more than 250 employees for the purposes of determining:

1. The status, offering and use of employer-sponsored health coverage in the State;
2. What types of employer-sponsored health coverage are being offered and how the premiums are shared between employers and employees;
3. How health care needs are being met for employees and their families who are not enrolled in or do not have access to employer-sponsored coverage; and
4. How the State's data for subsections 1 to 3 compare with data available from other states.

The Department of Labor shall consult with employers and employer groups and persons knowledgeable about health care, health coverage, health policy and employee benefits in designing the survey. The department may not seek or accept outside funding for the costs of data collection and analysis.

The Department of Labor may expand the scope of the data collection to include a statistically valid sample of all employers in the State if departmental funds become available. The department may not accept funding from outside sources to implement the expanded data collection.

Subject to confidentiality and other requirements of state and federal law, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide information from its databases to the Department of Labor to the extent necessary for the collection of relevant information for the survey. Information collected and generated for the survey by the Department of Labor that directly identifies employers is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department of Labor.

An employer shall respond to a request made for the survey under this section from the Department of Labor within 45 days of receipt of the request.

By February 1, 2007, the Department of Labor shall submit a report of the data collected to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the