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**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of
Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, HAMPER of Oxford, Representatives:
BEAVERS of South Berwick, GINZLER of Bridgton, PETERSON of Rumford, TEPLER of
Topsham, TUELL of East Machias, TURNER of Burlington.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
2 353, the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal
3 Mandates, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
5 13 members appointed as follows:

- 6 1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 7 2. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House;
- 9 3. One member representing the Governor's office appointed by the Governor;
- 10 4. Three members, one of whom is a representative of the Maine Municipal
11 Association, one of whom is a representative of the Maine County Commissioners
12 Association and one of whom is a representative of a municipality with 5,001 to 7,000
13 residents, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 14 5. Two members, one of whom is a representative of the Maine Town and City
15 Clerks' Association and one of whom is a representative of a municipality with 10,001 to
16 20,000 residents, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 17 6. Two members who are representatives of municipalities of up to 2,000 residents,
18 one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House; and
- 20 7. Three members, one of whom is a representative of a municipality with 2,001 to
21 5,000 residents, one of whom is a representative of a municipality with 7,001 to 10,000
22 residents and one of whom is a representative of a municipality with over 20,001
23 residents, appointed by the Governor.

24 A legislative member's term is vacated if the member is not reelected. When such a
25 vacancy occurs, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall appoint a
26 new legislative member; and be it further

27 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the Senate member is the Senate chair and the
28 House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission; and be it further

29 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
30 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
31 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
32 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
33 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more
34 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
35 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority
36 for the commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

