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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 912, L.D. 1246, “Resolve, To Study Best Practices and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and Expanding Home Ownership in Maine Communities”

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 15 members appointed as follows:

- 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 2. Five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3. One representative of a statewide organization that provides assistance to and advocacy for veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States seeking to become first-time home buyers, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 4. One representative of a statewide organization of developers focused on building affordable housing, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 5. One representative of a statewide organization focused on making financing for first-time home ownership available to people in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 6. Two individuals with expertise in working to create affordable home ownership in their regions and with an understanding of the challenges facing prospective home buyers, including home buyers from communities of color, indigenous communities and immigrant communities, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 7. One representative from the Department of Health and Human Services, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 8. One representative of a statewide organization focused on providing safe housing for people in the State and on promoting the development of affordable housing, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 9. One representative of a statewide organization that provides assistance to and
2 advocacy for first-time home buyers, appointed by the Speaker of the House.'

3 Amend the resolve in section 5 in the first line (page 1, line 40 in L.D.) by striking out
4 the following: "the assistance of" and inserting the following: 'existing data and research
5 supplied by'

6 Amend the resolve in section 6 in the last line (page 2, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting
7 after the following: "commission" the following: ', except that Legislative Council staff
8 support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session. The
9 commission may obtain consultants and other experts to supply additional data and
10 research to fulfill its duties under section 5'

11 Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

12 '**Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 1, 2021, the commission
13 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, and may include
14 suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The Joint
15 Standing Committee on Labor and Housing may submit legislation based upon the report
16 to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

17 **Sec. 8. Outside funding. Resolved:** That the commission shall seek funding
18 contributions to fund the costs of the study of up to \$50,000. All funding is subject to
19 approval by the Legislative Council in accordance with its policies. If sufficient
20 contributions to fund the study have not been received within 30 days after the effective
21 date of this resolve, no meetings are authorized and no expenses of any kind may be
22 incurred or reimbursed.

23 **Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
24 appropriations and allocations are made.

25 **LEGISLATURE**

26 **Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

27 Initiative: Allocates one-time funds for the costs to the Legislature of the Commission to
28 Study Best Practices and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and
29 Expanding Home Ownership in Maine Communities including the costs of Legislators
30 appointed to the commission and the costs of consultants.

31 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
32 Personal Services	\$1,540	\$0
33 All Other	\$48,460	\$0
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35 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$50,000	\$0

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

39 **SUMMARY**

40 This amendment changes the membership of the Commission to Study Best Practices
41 and Different Area Needs for Development of Affordable Homes and Expanding Home

1 Ownership in Maine Communities from 13 members to 15 members. It changes the
2 appointing authority with respect to members of the public on the commission from the
3 Governor to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. It changes the reporting
4 date from December 7, 2022 to December 1, 2021. It allows the Joint Standing Committee
5 on Labor and Housing to submit legislation based on the commission's findings to the
6 Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. It requires the commission to accept
7 donations and seek funding contributions to fund the cost of the study. It adds an
8 appropriations and allocations section.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 **(See attached)**