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**Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement
Through the Secretary of State**

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RIELLY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ABDI of Lewiston, DHALAC of South Portland, FAY of
Raymond, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

1 **Sec. 1. Secretary of State to study appointment of deputy secretary of state**
2 **to coordinate civics engagement and education. Resolved:** That the Secretary of
3 State shall study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of appointing a deputy secretary of
4 state to coordinate civics engagement and education matters and of moving staffing and
5 administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service, established
6 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7501, from the Department of Education
7 to the office of the Secretary of State. By December 6, 2023, the Secretary of State shall
8 submit a report, including recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint
9 Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The committee may report out a bill
10 relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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SUMMARY

12 This resolve requires the Secretary of State to study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits
13 of appointing a deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education
14 matters and of moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for
15 Community Service from the Department of Education to the office of the Secretary of
16 State. The Secretary of State must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on
17 State and Local Government, and the committee may report out a bill relating to the report
18 to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.