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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 578, L.D. 771, Bill, “An Act To Establish the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Support the Development of a Model Charter for the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to support the process to develop the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission charter. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall invite representatives from the unorganized townships and following municipalities within Aroostook County to at least 2 meetings to facilitate the development of a model charter that would establish the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission: Caswell Plantation, Cyr Plantation, Fort Kent, Frenchville, Grand Isle, Hamlin, Limestone, Madawaska, New Canada, New Sweden, St. Agatha, Stockholm, Van Buren, Wallagrass Plantation and Woodland. The commissioner shall provide assistance at the meetings to facilitate the development of a model charter for the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission and provide assistance with identifying any regulatory obstacles or impediments to establishing such a charter; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 5, 2012, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor, commerce, research and economic development matters on any meetings held under section 1. The department shall include with the report recommendations regarding the proposal to establish in law a charter for the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill related to section 1 to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
2 appropriations and allocations are made.

3 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

4 **Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069**

5 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the cost associated with staff from the Department
6 of Economic and Community Development traveling to Aroostook County to provide
7 assistance at a minimum of 2 meetings to facilitate the development of a model charter
8 for the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission.

9	GENERAL FUND	2011-12	2012-13
10	All Other	\$0	\$1,700
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12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,700
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14 **SUMMARY**

15 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It replaces the bill with a
16 resolve directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to invite
17 representatives from unorganized townships and the following municipalities within
18 Aroostook County to at least 2 meetings to facilitate the development of a model charter
19 that would establish the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission: Caswell
20 Plantation, Cyr Plantation, Fort Kent, Frenchville, Grand Isle, Hamlin, Limestone,
21 Madawaska, New Canada, New Sweden, St. Agatha, Stockholm, Van Buren, Wallagrass
22 Plantation and Woodland. It requires the commissioner to provide assistance at the
23 meetings to facilitate the development of a model charter for the St. John Valley Regional
24 Planning Commission and provide assistance with identifying any regulatory obstacles or
25 impediments to establishing such a charter. It requires the department to provide a report
26 no later than December 5, 2012 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
27 jurisdiction over labor, commerce, research and economic development matters on any
28 meetings that were held, as well as any recommendations regarding the need for a charter
29 to be established in law. It authorizes the committee to submit a bill on this issue to the
30 First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

32 **(See attached)**