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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1072, L.D. 1618, “Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dedicated Family Court in Maine”

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

'Sec. 2. Study group membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the study group consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. Three members representing the judicial branch, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court;

4. One member representing a child welfare advocacy organization, appointed by the President of the Senate;

5. One member who is a guardian ad litem, appointed by the President of the Senate;

6. One member who is an individual with personal experience with family law proceedings in court, appointed by the President of the Senate;

7. One member representing the Family Law Advisory Commission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, chapter 5, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

8. One member representing a statewide coalition of domestic violence projects, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

9. One member who is an individual with personal experience with family law proceedings in court, appointed by the Speaker of the House.'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

