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6   **SENATE**
7   **132ND LEGISLATURE**
8   **FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

9   COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 139, L.D. 353, "Resolve, to Establish the
10   Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State"

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

12   '**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
13   353, the commission consists of 13 members as follows:

14   1. Five members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

15   A. Two members of the Senate, including one member of the party holding the largest
16   number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest
17   number of seats in the Legislature;

18   B. One individual who is a register of deeds in this State;

19   C. One individual who is an experienced title attorney in this State; and

20   D. One individual who represents civil legal aid providers for residents of this State
21   who are elderly;

22   2. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:

23   A. Two members of the House of Representatives, including one member of the party
24   holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one member of the party
25   holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;

26   B. One individual who represents the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police
27   computer crimes unit;

28   C. One individual who represents a statewide association of real estate brokers and who
29   has experience in real estate transactions; and

30   D. One individual who represents banking institutions in this State;

31   3. The chair of the Real Estate Commission within the Department of Professional and
32   Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation or the chair's
33   designee;

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1   4. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee; and

2   5. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.'

3   Amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 2 in paragraph D in the last line (page 2,
4   line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

5   Amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 34 in L.D.)
6   by striking out the following: "State." and inserting the following: 'State;'

7   Amend the resolve in section 5 by inserting after subsection 3 the following:

8   '4. Examine ways to mitigate the fraudulent listing of homes for rent by an individual
9   who is not the legal homeowner; and

10   5. Examine ways in which deed fraud is being conducted through the Internet,
11 including through the use of artificial intelligence technology.'

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

14   **SUMMARY**

15   This amendment makes the following changes to the Commission to Recommend
16 Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State membership:

17   1. It removes one member of the House of Representatives;

18   2. It adds one individual who represents civil legal aid providers for residents of this
19 State who are elderly;

20   3. It adds one individual who represents banking institutions in the State;

21   4. It clarifies that the individual who represents law enforcement interests represents
22 the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police computer crimes unit; and

23   5. It removes one individual who represents a statewide association representing
24 criminal defense attorneys.

25   The amendment also adds the following duties to require the commission to:

26   1. Examine ways to mitigate the fraudulent listing of homes for rent by individuals who
27 are not the legal homeowners; and

28   2. Examine ways in which deed fraud is being conducted through the Internet,
29 including the use of artificial intelligence technology.

30   **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
31   **(See attached)**

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