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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "" to S.P. 436, L.D. 1067, "Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature"
11 12	Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by inserting after the 2nd paragraph the following:
13 14	'Whereas, the effective and efficient functioning of the Legislature is essential to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and economy of the State; and'
15	Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:
16 17	'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 15 members appointed as follows:
18 19	1. Four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including 2 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
20 21 22	2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including 2 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
23 24	3. One member who is registered to lobby in the State appointed by the President of the Senate;
25 26 27	4. Two public members recommended by a statewide organization that represents local labor unions, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;
28 29 30 31	5. Two public members recommended by a statewide organization that advocates for the creation and preservation of jobs that create economic value or bring money into the State, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
32 33	6. Two former members of the Legislature, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House.'
34	Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

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## **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 'Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall study the existing structure and operations of the Legislature for the purpose of determining its adequacy and 2 effectiveness and identifying changes to the Legislature that could improve efficiency, 3 provide better information to inform decisions, help prioritize legislative activity and 4 5 reinforce political trust and support in State Government. In its work, the commission shall consider, but is not limited to considering, the following elements: 6 7 1. The overall structure of the Legislature, including the size of the Legislature; 8 2. The number of terms for members of the Legislature; 9 3. The frequency of elections for members of the Legislature; 10 4. The operation and role of the Legislative Council; 11 5. The process for introducing bills and the number of bills introduced each session and in a legislative biennium; 12 13 6. The prioritization of legislation; 7. The determination of legislative districts during the reapportionment process; 14 8. The training and education of Legislators and legislative staff; 15 16 9. The structure of joint standing committees and the committee appointment process; 17 10. The rules for testimony; 18 11. The use of policy research and data in the legislative process; 19 12. The process for transparency in the Legislature; 20 13. The adoption of a legislative strategic plan; 21 14. The inclusion of economic impact statements on legislation; and 22 15. The process for forming and approving the state budget.' 23 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or 24 section number to read consecutively. SUMMARY 25 26 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the number 27 of members of the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature from 12 28 to 15 by doubling the number of current Legislator members, adding 2 former Legislator 29 members and removing one lobbyist member. It makes the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House appoint all members. It also makes changes to the elements the 30 31 commission may consider in its study and adds language to the emergency preamble. 32 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED** 33 (See attached)

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