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An Act To Clarify the Operation of the Maine Commission for Community Service

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative MOULTON of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7502, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Meetings.** The commission may hold up to 4 meetings a year.

4 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7504**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 54, §1, is amended to read:

5 **§7504. Staff and administrative services**

6 The ~~State Planning Office~~ office of the Secretary of State shall provide staff and
7 administrative services as follows.

8 **1. Executive director.** The ~~Director of the State Planning Office~~ Secretary of State
9 with the advice and consent of the commission shall hire an executive director as a
10 member of the ~~State Planning Office~~ Secretary of State's staff. The executive director
11 oversees day-to-day operations of the commission, hires staff members with the approval
12 of the commission and the ~~Director of the State Planning Office, Secretary of State~~ and
13 carries out other responsibilities as directed by the commission.

14 **2. Administrative services.** The ~~State Planning Office~~ office of the Secretary of
15 State shall provide the executive director and the commission with continuing
16 administrative support as appropriate. The ~~State Planning Office~~ Secretary of State may
17 establish a dedicated account on behalf of the commission to receive funds contributed by
18 private and public agencies for use solely for commission purposes; additional General
19 Fund money may not be appropriated for the administrative purposes of the commission.

20 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §7505** is enacted to read:

21 **§7505. Participating individuals**

22 A community service program receiving grants from or facilitated by the commission
23 may not charge any fees to individuals participating or volunteering in that program.

24 **Sec. 4. Review formula.** The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local
25 Government shall review the local funding requirements for national service programs
26 preselected by the Maine Commission for Community Service pursuant to the Maine
27 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7503, subsection 4 to determine whether participation in
28 these programs creates a fiscal burden for municipalities by December 1, 2011. The
29 committee may submit a bill related to the funding requirements to the Second Regular
30 Session of the 125th Legislature.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill makes changes to the Maine Commission for Community Service. It allows
33 the commission to hold no more than 4 meetings a year. It moves the administrative
34 support for the commission from the Executive Department, State Planning Office to the
35 office of the Secretary of State and prohibits the use of General Fund money for the
36 administrative operations of the commission. It prohibits community service programs

1 receiving grants from the commission from charging fees to participating individuals. It
2 requires the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to review the local
3 funding requirements for national service programs to determine whether participation in
4 these programs creates a fiscal burden for municipalities by December 1, 2011. The
5 committee may submit a bill related to the funding requirements in the Second Regular
6 Session of the 125th Legislature.