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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. 75, L.D. 214, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Reduce the Size of the Legislature Following Redistricting in the Year 2003"

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Amend the resolution by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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The estimated cost of sending this resolution out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

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If approved by the voters, the Legislature would realize General Fund savings beginning in fiscal year 2004-05. The savings that would result from reductions of Legislators' salaries and benefits, travel and constituent allowances would be approximately \$1,220,000 for a first regular session and \$900,000 for a second regular session. The impact of possible changes in staffing levels or chamber renovations that may result from reducing the size of the Legislature can not be determined at this time.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolution.