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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1558, L.D. 2214, Bill, "An Act to Reinstate the Death Penalty"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the following:

'Sec. 11. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE</b>		
<b>Administration - Attorney General</b>		
Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$21,945	\$49,445
All Other	4,880	2,320
Appropriates funds for one Assistant Attorney General position and related All Other costs required to handle the expected increase in trials and appeals.		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,825</b>	<b>\$51,765'</b>

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

	1999-00	2000-01
<b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>		
General Fund	\$26,825	\$51,765

The estimated cost of sending this question out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November 1999. 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.

If approved by the voters, this bill provides additional General Fund appropriations to the Department of the Attorney General of \$26,825 and \$51,765 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for one Assistant Attorney General position to handle the expected trials and appeals. These General Fund appropriations are contingent upon passage by the voters.

The Judicial Department will require additional General Fund appropriations to cover a significant increase in expenditures for court appointed counsel, expert witnesses, additional judges and support staff, and security to process and review death penalty cases. The amount of the General Fund appropriations necessary to cover the additional expenditures can not be determined at this time.

The Department of Corrections will also require additional General Fund appropriations for the construction and staffing of a separate, high security wing for prisoners sentenced to death and for psychiatric and medical fees. The department may also

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2 experience future savings from reductions in the actual length  
of stay for certain prisoners. The amounts can not be determined  
4 at this time.'

6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing  
Committee on Criminal Justice. This amendment adds a fiscal note  
10 and appropriation to the bill.