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121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2004

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No. 1827

H.P. 1350

House of Representatives, January 8, 2004

**Resolve, Authorizing the City of Biddeford To Consolidate Voting
Districts for a Special Election in House District 18 in 2004**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner.

Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York and

Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** the special election for House District 18 will be
called before the expiration of the 90-day period; and

8 **Whereas,** it is costly for municipalities to staff all voting
places during an election; and

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12 **Whereas,** a single polling place can accommodate the turnout
expected for the special election; and

14 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

20 **Sec. 1. City of Biddeford authorized to consolidate voting districts.**

22 **Resolved:** That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 21-A, section 631, the City of Biddeford, with the approval
of the city council, may consolidate voting districts for the
purpose of holding a special election in House District 18 in
2004. The plan to consolidate districts must be submitted to the
Secretary of State at least 10 days prior to the special election.

28 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve authorizes the City of Biddeford, with the
approval of the city council, to consolidate voting districts for
the purpose of holding a special election in House District 18 in
2004.

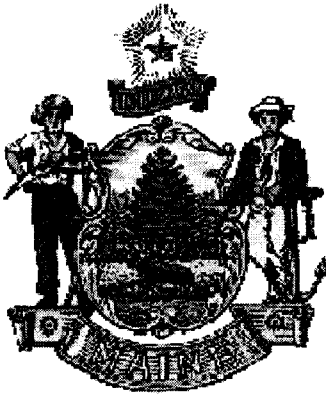
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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



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LR 2687(01)

Fiscal Note for Original Bill

Sponsor: Speaker Colwell

Committee: Not Referred

Fiscal Note Required: No

Fiscal Note

Potential Municipal Savings, No State Impact