

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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5 STATE OF MAINE  
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
7 132ND LEGISLATURE  
8 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 176, L.D. 273, "An Act to Preserve  
10 Legislative Authority over Investigating Committees"

11 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

12 'An Act Related to the Issuance of Subpoena Power to Entities Created by Executive  
13 Order'

14 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the  
15 following:

16 'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA c. 38 is enacted to read:

17 CHAPTER 38

18 SUBPOENA POWER GRANTED BY THE LEGISLATURE

19 §1011. Subpoena power granted to entities created by executive order

20 The Legislature may grant the authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas and take  
21 depositions to an entity created by executive order by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the  
22 members present in each House of the Legislature.'

23 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
24 number to read consecutively.

25 SUMMARY

26 This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that the Legislature may grant the  
27 authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas and take depositions to an entity created by

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Legislature.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 273

LR 343(02)

**An Act to Preserve Legislative Authority over Investigating Committees**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-567)**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential Legislative Cost

### Legislative Cost/Study

The bill requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present in each House of the Legislature to grant the authority to administer oaths, issue subpoenas and take depositions to an entity created by executive order. The Legislature's baseline budget for 2026-2027 includes funds for the Legislature to meet during the regular session, and to meet in special session on 2 days each fiscal year. Whether or not there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of holding a special session for this purpose will depend on the number of times the Legislature is required to convene in special session during the interim.