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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 238, L.D. 338, "An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 5 and 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "persons to whom state income tax forms have been mailed."

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Court." the following: "For purposes of this subsection, "public assistance" has the same meaning as in Title 19-A, section 2605, subsection 1, paragraph A."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2028.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the bill's requirement that the list of persons to whom state income tax forms have been mailed be added to the source list of prospective jurors in each county. It also clarifies that the recipients of public assistance benefits who must be added to the source list of prospective jurors in each county include recipients of medical assistance, recipients of state supplemental income for blind, disabled or elderly persons, recipients of temporary assistance for needy families and participants in the Parents as Scholars Program. The amendment delays until January 1, 2028 the changes made in the Legislation.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 338****LR 344(02)****An Act to Increase the Size and Balance of Jury Pools****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****"A" (H-159)****Committee: Judiciary****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Judicial Branch will require \$70,000 in a future biennium for costs associated with programming and related IT costs to expand the sources used for jury pool lists. There will be no cost in the current biennium due to the bills effective date of January 1, 2028.