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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 655, L.D. 1008, "An Act to Require the Attorney General to Seek Legislative Approval Before Filing Any Civil Suit on Behalf of the State and to Authorize Citizen-initiated Petitions to Move for Dismissal"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE
Human Services Division 0696**

Initiative: Provides funding for one full-time equivalent Assistant Attorney General position, one full-time equivalent Research Assistant position and related costs to seek legislative approval before filing lawsuits.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$287,708
All Other	\$0	\$15,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$302,708

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

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1008****LR 761(02)**

An Act to Require the Attorney General to Seek Legislative Approval Before Filing Any Civil Suit on Behalf of the State and to Authorize Citizen-initiated Petitions to Move for Dismissal

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-169)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$302,708	\$313,524	\$340,533
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$302,708	\$313,524	\$34 3

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may decrease the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The Judicial Branch may realize some minor reduction of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed. Collection of filing fees will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Legislative Cost/Study

The additional costs to the Legislature are expected to be minor if the request of the joint standing committee occurs during a legislative session. If the request occurs when the Legislature is not in session, the additional costs to the Legislature would be approximately \$18,700 per day for the special session per diem plus approximately \$25,968 for travel-related allowances for the Legislature to return for a single day.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$302,708 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of the Attorney General for one full-time equivalent Assistant Attorney General position, one full-time equivalent Research Assistant position and related costs to seek legislative approval before filing lawsuits. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of the Attorney General would increase by \$302,708 in fiscal year 2026-27 for reimbursement of legal services from state agencies.

Any additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with this legislation are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.