

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 MINORITY  
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. 1083, L.D. 1629, "An Act to Require  
10 Legislative Committees to Provide Equal Time to Each Member of the Public Who  
11 Testifies"

12 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the  
13 following:

14 'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §165, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

15 9. Testimony before committees. During a public hearing, each member of the public  
16 providing testimony before the committee must be allowed the same amount of time to  
17 testify. Once a public hearing has begun, the amount of time set for the first member of  
18 the public providing testimony must be allowed for each following member of the public  
19 providing testimony until the conclusion of the hearing.'

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

22 SUMMARY

23 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that once a  
24 public hearing has begun, the amount of time set for the first member of the public  
25 providing testimony must be allowed for each following member of the public providing  
26 testimony until the conclusion of the hearing.

27 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

28 (See attached)



Approved: 06/01/25 **LRL**

# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1629

LR 2194(02)

**An Act to Require Legislative Committees to Provide Equal Time to Each Member of the Public Who Testifies**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**"A" (H-487)**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential Legislative Cost

### Legislative Cost/Study

The bill requires joint standing and joint select committees of the Legislature to provide equal time to testify to each person testifying before that committee during a public hearing. This may result in increased costs to the Legislature if it extends the total length of time for public hearings to the point staff need to be paid overtime, and legislators incur additional travel-related expenses.