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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 116, L.D. 381, Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for Renewal of Notary Public and Justice of the Peace Commissions."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §82 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§82. Renewal of commissions; notification of appointment

The Secretary of State shall have the authority to renew commissions of notaries public and justices of the peace and to promulgate rules and regulations relating to their issuance. The Secretary of State shall provide written notice of the expiration of their commissions to notaries public and justices of the peace 30 days prior to the expiration date. Failure to receive such notice shall not affect the expiration date of a commission.

The Secretary of State, upon receiving evidence of the qualification of any justice of the peace or notary public, shall immediately notify the register of probate and the clerk of the judicial courts of the county where such officer resides of his appointment and qualification.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides for notice of the expiration of their commissions to be given to notaries public and justices of the peace. The increased costs to the Department of State will be approximately \$350 per year.

The amendment also removes a current requirement for duplication of notices of the appointment of justices of the peace or notaries public to registers of probate and clerks of court. Other parties previously receiving a list of such magistrates every 6 months have not found the lists useful and can get current information from registers of probate and clerks of court if necessary. In excess of \$1,000 annually will be saved if this semiannual publication is eliminated.

Reported by the Committee on State Government.

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