

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 124, L.D. 169, Bill, "An Act to Preserve Maine's Part-time Citizen Legislature by Making the Legislative Process More Efficient and Less Costly to Maine Taxpayers"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 166, is further amended to read:

The first regular session of the Legislature, ~~after its convening,~~ shall must adjourn no later than the 3rd Wednesday in June May and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature shall must adjourn no later than the 3rd first Wednesday in April. The Legislature, in case of emergency, may by a vote of 2/3 of the members of each House present and voting, extend the date for adjournment for the first or 2nd regular session by no more than 5 legislative days, and in case of further emergency, may by a vote of 2/3 of the members of each House present and voting, further extend the date for adjournment by 5 additional legislative days. The times for adjournment for the first and 2nd regular sessions may also be extended for one additional legislative day for the purpose of considering possible objections of the Governor to any bill or resolution presented to him the Governor by the Legislature under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2. The date for submission of legislation for the first regular session is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December.'

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

It is estimated that enactment of this bill will result in the following effect on revenues.

	1991-92	1992-93
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4	<b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>	
6	General Fund	(153,935) (390,508)

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10 This bill will result in total savings to the Legislature of  
12 \$153,935 in fiscal year 1991-92 and \$390,508 in fiscal year  
14 1992-93. These savings resulting from shorter regular sessions  
of the Legislature will reduce legislative staff payroll  
expenses, printing costs and Legislators' expenses.

16 These savings may be reduced by pending legislative actions  
18 on the current services budget. The Governor's proposed budget  
includes reductions to the legislative budget that may conflict  
with and prevent the realization of the amount of savings  
20 identified above.'

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This amendment eliminates the rollback of the increase in  
26 legislative payments passed in 1989 proposed in the original bill.

28 The amendment changes the adjournment dates for both  
sessions. Current law sets adjournment for the first regular  
30 session on the 3rd Wednesday in June. The original bill shortens  
the session by 10 weeks. This amendment shortens the first  
32 regular session by 5 weeks. Current law sets adjournment of the  
2nd regular session for the 3rd Wednesday in April. The original  
34 bill shortens the session by 6 weeks. This amendment shortens  
the 2nd regular session by 2 weeks.

36 This amendment does not affect the prohibition against  
38 Friday sessions except for the last 4 Fridays of a regular  
session.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on State and Local Government  
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