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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1660, L.D. 2337, "RESOLUTION,
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Reduce the
Size of the House of Representatives"

Amend the resolution in the 3rd paragraph after the title in
the 6th and 7th lines (page 1, lines 13 and 14 in L.D.) by
striking out the following: "not less than 99 nor more than 123"
and inserting in its place the following: 'an odd number of
representatives of not less than 135 nor more than 151'

Further amend the resolution in the 4th paragraph after the
title in the question in the last line (page 1, line 49 in L.D.)
by striking out the following: "99 and no more than 123" and
inserting in its place the following: '135 and no more than 151'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated cost of sending this resolution out to
referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda
enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 115th
Legislature. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one
to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional
referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

If approved by the voters, the reduction of the number of
members of the House of Representatives will result in future
General Fund savings. The amount of savings will depend on the
size of the House of Representatives chosen within the range
provided by the Constitutional Amendment. Based on current cost
estimates, the average cost per house member in a first regular
session is \$22,860, and the average cost for a 2nd regular

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2 session is \$16,555. If the size of the House of Representatives
was reduced to the minimum number of 135 members, it is estimated
4 that \$365,760 could be saved in a first regular session and
\$264,880 could be saved in a 2nd regular session.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment changes the size of the House of
10 Representatives to an odd number of at least 135 and no more than
151 representatives.

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(President PRAY)
16 SPONSORED BY: Charles A. Pray

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