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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representative GWADOSKY of Fairfield, Representative MORRISON of Bangor and Representative ALIBERTI of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act to Require that Administrative Cost Reductions Be a First Priority in the Event of Revenue Shortfalls.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1668-A is enacted to read:

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<u>§1668-A.</u> Budget reductions in fiscal year 1992-93

1. Budget reductions in fiscal year 1992-93. In the event that it appears that the anticipated income and other available 8 funds of the State will not be sufficient to meet the 10 expenditures authorized by the Legislature for fiscal year 1992-93 and the provisions of Title 5, section 1668 are to be 12 implemented, or in the event supplemental General Fund appropriations are to be proposed for fiscal year 1992-93 over 14 and above all General Fund appropriations made through the Second Regular Session of the 115th Legislature, the Governor shall, at 16 the same time, prepare legislation to be submitted to the Legislature that would reduce administrative personnel in State Government as the first and highest priority in balancing the 18 budget for fiscal year 1992-93. The Governor's proposed 20 legislation must identify any and all proposed reductions to administrative personnel in a part segregated from any other 22 reduction or supplemental requests the Governor determines necessary to propose. The Highway Fund, Federal Expenditure 24 funds, Other Special Revenue funds and all other funds of the State must be treated in an equitable manner relative to the General Fund. 26

28 For the purposes of this section, "administrative personnel" means any employee of the State responsible for supervising 5 or 30 more employees or whose annual salary in fiscal year 1992-93 is at least \$50,000.

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2. Repeal. This section is repealed on July 1, 1993.

FISCAL NOTE

38 The additional costs associated with implementing this bill can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires the Governor to propose reductions in administrative personnel as the first and highest priority in the 46 event there is a revenue or other budgetary shortfall in fiscal year 1992-93.

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