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AGING, RETIREMENT & VETERANS

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 653, L.D. 1822, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Contractual Obligation for Members of the Maine State Retirement System"

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Amend the resolution by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph (page 1, lines 7 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 24. Maine State Retirement System. Teacher or state employee membership in a pension or retirement system of the State is an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which may not be diminished or impaired.'

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Further amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 25 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to provide contractual protection of retirement benefits for state employees and teachers?"

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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The estimated cost of sending this constitutional amendment out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional
referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

4 If approved by the voters, this constitutional amendment
6 will prevent the State of Maine from reducing benefits for its
employees or teachers. Retirement benefit reductions will only
be allowed for prospective employees.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment rewords the proposed constitutional amendment
to apply only to state employees and teachers. The wording of
14 the referendum question is also changed and a fiscal note is
added to the resolution.