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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 711, L.D. 1926, Bill, "An Act to Preserve Maine's Part-time Citizen Legislature by Making the Legislative Process More Efficient"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the 8th line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", and" and inserting in its place the following: ' and, '

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Further amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the 2nd line from the end (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Constitution" the following: 'of Maine'

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

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**'FISCAL NOTE**

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Shortening the length of legislative sessions will result in savings in Legislators' meal and lodging and travel expenses in the range of \$250,000 to \$300,000 in fiscal year 1994-95 in a first regular session, and \$200,000 to \$275,000 in a 2nd regular session. The exact amount of funds that could be deappropriated can not be determined at this time. Shortening the sessions will also reduce the length of employment for session-only legislative employees, although this may also increase overtime and unemployment costs. The additional net deappropriation that will result can not now be accurately projected.'

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.