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**UTILITIES AND ENERGY**

Reported by: Senator CARPENTER of York for the Committee.

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 151, L.D. 337, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Richmond Utilities District"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 2, lines 8 and 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", resident in the district,"

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

**'FISCAL NOTE**

This bill requires the Richmond Utilities District to hold a public referendum. The additional costs of this state mandate are likely to be relatively minor. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to  
4 the bill. It also makes a technical change.