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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 318, L.D. 439, Bill, "An Act Requiring That Disbursement Warrants Receive an Affirmative Vote by Municipal Officers"

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

**'FISCAL NOTE**

This bill requires municipalities to affirmatively vote to spend money. The additional costs of this state mandate are expected to be minor, affecting only emergency spending situations. 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.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**