# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

Legislative Document

No. 249

H.P. 196

House of Representatives, January 21, 1997

An Act to Require That All Legislative Documents Contain a Citizen and Business Impact Statement.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRIPP of Topsham. Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, GERRY of Auburn.

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§12, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 501, Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

12. Statement of costs. To prepare statements pertaining to the existence of cost or the amount of cost to municipalities or counties for implementing or complying with a proposed law. The statement of cost shall must be made within the limits of information provided to the office designated by the Legislative Council as having responsibility for financial analysis. The statements shall must be furnished to the appropriate committee for the information of its members and for inclusion in bills which that receive an ought to pass report when reported by the committee. A statement shall is not be necessary for any bill which that has no cost to municipalities or counties; and

### Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§12-A is enacted to read:

12-A. Statement of impact on Maine citizens and businesses. To prepare statements pertaining to the impact of proposed laws on public policy and on citizens and businesses of the State. The statements must be prepared by the office designated by the Legislative Council and must be provided to the committee considering the proposed law for the information of its members and for inclusion in bills that receive an ought to pass report when reported by the committee; and

30 SUMMARY

This bill requires that proposed legislation include a statement of impact on public policy and on Maine citizens and businesses.