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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 336, L.D. 458, Bill, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Change the Manner in Which the Legislature Calls Itself into Special Session"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated cost of sending this constitutional amendment out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

If approved by the voters, constitutional change may result in additional special sessions of the Legislature. The Legislature will require additional General Fund appropriations for unbudgeted special sessions. The amount of the appropriations that may be required can not be determined, but the costs of per diem and expenses for Legislators, for a 2-day special session, are estimated to be \$67,680. Additional amounts will be required for session-only staff and other operating costs.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.