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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 352, L.D. 475, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Affirm the Rights to Private Property"

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

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated cost of sending this resolution out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the First Special Session of the 118th Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November of 1997. 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, the Department of the Attorney General may incur additional costs to defend the State in additional cases where citizens feel their rights to private property have been violated. These amounts can not be determined at this time.

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. It adds a fiscal note to the resolution.

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