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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1312, L.D. 1860, Bill, "An Act to Authorize Hancock County to Hold a Referendum Election in November 1997 on a Bond Issue of \$6,000,000 to Construct a New Jail and to Provide Necessary Renovations to the Courthouse to Comply with State Mandates"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the emergency preamble 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 7 in the question in the first line (page 2, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$6,000,000 bond issue" and inserting in its place the following: 'bond issue not to exceed \$6,000,000'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The requirement that Hancock County hold a referendum represents a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional local costs for the printing of ballots and other related costs are not expected to be significant. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all

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members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.

If approved by the voters, the Department of Corrections may incur minimal increases in future costs in the Community Based Corrections program as a result of an increase in the per diem rate of reimbursement for Hancock County.'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the question to the voters to clarify that the bond issue may not exceed \$6,000,000. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.

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