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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 28, L.D. 37, Bill, "An Act Providing for a Vote of Confidence before a Judge Is Eligible for Reappointment"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§101-B." in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "end of the 5th year" and inserting in its place the following: 'general election immediately preceding the expiration'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§101-B." in subsection 1 in the 4th and 5th lines (page 1, lines 10 and 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the previous 5 years" and inserting in its place the following: 'that term'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph C in the first line (page 1, line 47 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "end of the 5th year" and inserting in its place the following: 'general election immediately preceding the expiration'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph C in the 4th and 5th lines (page 1, line 50 and page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the previous 5 years" and inserting in its place the following: 'that term'

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Office of the Secretary of State will require General

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 28, L.D. 37

2 Fund appropriations in fiscal year 1999-00 and fiscal year
3 2000-01 to fund the advisory referenda for Superior Court
4 Justices and District Court Judges at the general election
5 immediately preceding the expiration of the justice's or judge's
6 term. The exact amount of the appropriations that will be
7 required can not be determined at this time.

8 Some of the expected, incremental costs can be absorbed
9 within the normal costs of conducting a general election. Some
10 of the incremental costs, however, will require the Office of
11 Secretary of State to receive additional General Fund
12 appropriations. The amounts to be appropriated will ultimately
13 depend on the number of justices and judges who are nearing the
14 end of their term and who have indicated an interest in being
15 nominated for another term. The exact amount of the
16 appropriations required can not be determined at this time.'

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SUMMARY

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21 This amendment changes the timing of the advisory referendum
22 for Superior Court Justices and District Court Judges. The
23 referendum would occur at the general election immediately
24 preceding the expiration of the justice's or judge's term.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.