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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 231, L.D. 335, Bill, "An Act to Require Reimbursement to Municipalities for the Cost of State Special Elections"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 (page 1, lines 3 to 33 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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 Fund appropriations to reimburse municipalities for expenses incurred for statewide special elections. Estimates provided by the Maine Municipal Association indicate that the aggregate cost to municipal government exceeds \$334,000 for each statewide special election. The amount of the appropriations to be made will depend on the actual municipal election expenses, as well as the number of statewide special elections held in any given fiscal year.

This bill will require the Secretary of State to collect specific cost data related to each municipality's expenses related to each statewide special election. The impact on the Office of the Secretary of State to collect, analyze and distribute the cost reimbursement can not be determined at this time.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment deletes 2 provisions of the original bill that prohibited consolidation of voting districts and required that all polling places be open for all classes of elections. The amendment retains the provision that the State pay for a municipality's expenses from a statewide special election. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.