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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 452, L.D. 615, "RESOLUTION, to Amend the Constitution of Maine to Elect 2 Senators from Each County"

Amend the resolution 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 119th 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 this constitutional amendment is approved by the voters, the Legislature will realize future General Fund savings beginning in fiscal year 2003-04 from the reduction in the size of the Senate from 35 members to 32 members. The estimated future savings from salaries, benefits and expenses for 3 Senators will be approximately \$56,310 and \$75,330 in fiscal years 2003-04 and 2004-05, respectively.

In addition, there may also be costs associated with renovations if the Senate Chambers are reconfigured due to the change in the number of members. These amounts can not be determined at this time.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolution.

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