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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 461, L.D. 624, Bill, "An Act to Require Public Hearings for School Administrative District Referenda"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause 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 1 in paragraph C in the 4th line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "10" and inserting in its place the following: '7'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires school administrative units to hold public hearings on all district referendum votes. The additional costs of this state mandate are not expected to be significant. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes from 10 to 7 the number of days before a school administrative district referendum that the district board of directors must hold a public hearing on the referendum. The amendment also adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.

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