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L.D. 922

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 666, L.D. 922, Bill, "An Act to Provide Computers for Use in the Legislature"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 15 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 19 to 41 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§11, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 590, §4, is amended to read:

11. Legislative equipment and supplies. To provide necessary furniture, stationery and other supplies and equipment for the use of the members, committees, agencies and offices of the Legislature, including an automated, integrated computer system for managing legislative activity and information. Information made available through this system must be in a format compatible with other major computer systems in State Government. To the extent feasible, the system must include provisions for:

A. Stationary or portable computer hardware for each member of the Legislature; and

B. Development of computer software to allow members, committees and staff immediate access to all Acts of the Legislature, pending legislation and amendments that are not confidential pursuant to law or policy of the Legislature, status of pending legislation, the Maine Revised Statutes and legislative committee schedules;

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **Sec. 2. Computer system report.** The presiding officer of each
 4 House of the Legislature or the officer's designee and the
 6 director of the Legislative Information Office shall report on
 8 the status of the establishment and implementation of the
 10 automated, integrated computer system for managing legislative
 12 activity and information pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,
 14 Title 3, section 162, subsection 11 to the joint standing
 16 committee having jurisdiction over state and local government
 matters by January 15th of each year, beginning January 15,
 2000. The report must include the most recent information
 available on the operational plan for the system and the most
 recent timeline available for the implementation of the new
 legislative computer system. This section is repealed on January
 16, 2006.

18 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
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24 Legislature		
26 Positions - Legislative Count		(3,000)
Personal Services		\$141,750
28 All Other	\$27,500	300,000
30 Provides funds for costs		
associated with defining user		
32 requirements in fiscal year		
1999-00 and funds for one		
34 Network Administrator		
position and 2 Desktop		
36 Support Assistant positions,		
software, training and		
38 miscellaneous expenses in		
fiscal year 2000-01 to begin		
40 the implementation of the		
legislative computer system.		
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TOTAL	<u>\$27,500</u>	<u>\$441,750'</u>

46 Further amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency
 48 clause (page 1, lines 43 and 44 in L.D.)

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

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FISCAL NOTE

1999-00 2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

10	General Fund	\$27,500	\$441,750
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This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$27,500 and \$441,750 in fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01, respectively, for the Legislature to begin the implementation of an automated, integrated computer system for managing legislative activity and information, including one Network Administrator position and 2 Desktop Support Assistant positions beginning in fiscal year 2000-01. The Legislature will require an estimated additional General Fund appropriation of \$1,600,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 to continue the 3 additional information system support staff and purchase hardware and software and for training and miscellaneous expenses. The estimated General Fund appropriations required to fund the ongoing costs of the positions and remote access costs will be approximately \$225,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 2002-03. These costs may be partially offset by savings in printing expenses if the numbers of documents printed are reduced by their availability on computer. These amounts can not be determined at this time.

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The additional costs associated with reporting on the status of the establishment and implementation of the legislative computer system can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment removes the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill. It also eliminates a requirement that the Legislative Council approve and implement a plan to provide an automated computer system for managing legislative activity by July 1, 1999. The amendment adds a requirement that the presiding officers of the Legislature and director of the Legislative Information Office report annually on the establishment of the legislative computer system to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. It repeals this reporting requirement

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2 January 15, 2006. The amendment adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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