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119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1020, L.D. 1431, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Signatures from All Counties on Direct Initiative Petitions"

Amend the resolution on page 1 in subsection 2 in the 7th and 8th lines (page 1, lines 13 and 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "At least 6% of the required number of signatures must be collected in each county." and inserting in its place the following: 'Signatures must be collected in each county. The number of signatures from each county may not be less than 6% of the total vote cast in that county in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of the petition.'

Further 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 1999. 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 approved by the voters, the Department of the Secretary of State will incur some additional data entry and analysis costs. These costs can be absorbed within the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions' existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment strikes the provision that requires that 6% of the total number of signatures on a direct initiative petition be collected in each county. It replaces that provision with the requirement that signatures be collected in each county equal to an amount no less than 6% of the total vote in that county in the last gubernatorial election. This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolution.

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