

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " *A* " to S.P. 311, L.D. 1058, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Revoke Voting Rights of Convicted Felons while in Prison"

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 120th 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 \$121,392. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$8,000.

This bill does not specifically address who would be responsible for determining which voters have been incarcerated for certain crimes, or convicted of similar crimes in another state. The Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions within the Office of the Secretary of State would incur additional costs to assume this responsibility. Those costs can not be determined at this time.

If municipalities are required to determine which voters are currently incarcerated in a jail or correctional facility in the State, that requirement may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The cost to implement that requirement can not be determined at this time. Unless General

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2 Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the  
additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and  
4 2/3 of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from  
the funding requirement, the municipalities may not be required  
6 to implement these changes.'

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### SUMMARY

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolution.