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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1444, L.D. 1941, Bill, "An Act to Modify the Time of Constituent Service Allowance Payments"

Amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "session." the following:

'Notwithstanding this section, during the first regular session of each legislative biennium, a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives may elect to receive the first payment of the annual allowance for constituent services in December following convening of the Legislature by notifying the Executive Director of the Legislative Council in the manner prescribed by the executive director. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall inform Legislators of the choice available for payment of the allowance for constituent services in the first year of the legislative biennium and of any tax implications associated with exercising that choice.'

SUMMARY

The bill sets the first of the 2 payments of the annual Legislator allowance for constituent services for January of each session. The amendment allows a Legislator to obtain the first payment in December of the first year of the biennium upon request to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The executive director is required to notify Legislators of the payment choice available to them and of the tax consequences of the choice.