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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1446, L.D. 1943, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Municipal Reapportionment Authority"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. **Failure to enact ordinance.** The municipal legislative body must enact the reapportionment ordinance within ~~18~~ 12 months after the ~~official publication of the latest decennial census as required by the United States Code, Title 13, Section 141, paragraph (c), provided that~~ Legislature has reapportioned the House and Senate districts pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part First, Section 3 and Article IV, Part Second, Section 2 or after a court decision finalizing the reapportionment of districts. The ordinance ~~is~~ must be enacted at least 90 days before a regular municipal election occurring within that ~~18-month~~ 12-month period or the previous reapportionment ordinance applies to that election. If the legislative body fails to ~~de-se~~ enact an ordinance within the 12-month period or at least 90 days before a regular election occurring after the 12-month period, all municipal officers to be elected ~~shall~~ must be elected at large and ~~shall~~ serve until their terms expire. Such at-large elections ~~shall~~ continue until the legislative body enacts an ordinance in accordance with subsection 1 at least 90 days before a regular municipal election.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment retains the provisions of the bill clarifying
8 municipal responsibilities to reapportion. It adds provisions
10 that allow municipalities to utilize state House of
Representatives and Senate districts in enacting a municipal
reapportionment ordinance. Under the amendment, municipalities
would have up to 12 months after reapportionment of House and
Senate districts to reapportion municipal districts.