

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1304

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MINORITY  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 958, L.D. 1304, Bill, "An Act To Provide a Municipal Process for an Initiative To Impose a Property Tax Cap"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title the following:

**Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report. It adds a mandate preamble.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

**LD 1304**

**An Act To Provide a Municipal Process for an Initiative To Impose a  
Property Tax Cap**

**LR 0155(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Exempt State Mandate

**State Mandate**

**New or Expanded Activity**

This bill Imposes a process for a municipality to handle a municipal initiative by voters of a municipality. The process includes modifying petition forms, reviewing signature dates and, under certain circumstances, holding a second election. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the state from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local costs.

**Unit Affected**

Municipalities with no provision for such a process

**Costs**

Insignificant