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REPORT A
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1302, L.D. 1780, Bill, "An Act To Promote Transparency in Budgeting"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Promote Transparency in Budgeting'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Pilot project. Resolved: That representatives from the office of the Chief Information Officer within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Executive Department, State Planning Office and the Department of Audit shall work together to initiate a pilot project to develop a publicly accessible site on the Internet for the purpose of posting municipal and county budgets and shall invite a representative of the Maine Municipal Association to work with them. The purpose of this pilot project is to make this information more readily available to the public and municipal and county officials. The program must include the following components:

1. Voluntary participation. Participation in the pilot project must be voluntary for municipalities and counties;

2. Lead agency. One state agency must be designated as the lead agency to create and maintain the publicly accessible site on the Internet; and

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3. Existing resources. The pilot project must be created within existing resources.

The lead agency designated under subsection 2 shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by January 14, 2005 with recommendations on creating a permanent publicly accessible site on the Internet for this purpose.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and directs the office of the Chief Information Officer within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Executive Department, State Planning Office and the Department of Audit to create a publicly accessible site on the Internet through a pilot project that includes voluntary submission by municipalities and counties of their budgets. It requires those entities to invite a representative of the Maine Municipal Association to take part in the development of the pilot project. It requires the lead agency to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by January 14, 2005 with recommendations on creating a permanent publicly accessible site on the Internet for this purpose.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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

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An Act To Promote Transparency in Budgeting

LR 2346(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs associated with implementing this legislation can be absorbed by the Chief Information Officer, the State Planning Office and the Department of Audit utilizing existing budgeted resources.