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L.D. 461

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Minority

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 339, L.D. 461, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature"

Amend the bill by incorporating the attached fiscal note.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and incorporates a fiscal note.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 461

LR 0025(02)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature

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

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-05	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions increases the ballot length, an additional appropriation of \$8,000 or more may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

If approved by the voters and assuming redistricting can be accomplished in time for the elections in November of 2006, reducing the size of the Legislature by 2 senators and 52 representatives will result in cost savings to the legislative budget in the amount of \$2,039,005 in fiscal year 2006-07, \$1,807,991 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$2,267,907 in fiscal year 2008-09. The Legislature would require a General Fund appropriation of \$400,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 to conduct the required redistricting.