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

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "Y" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 343, L.D. 468, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007"

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Amend the amendment in Part PPPP by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. PPPP-5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF** -

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**Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

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Initiative: Provides one-time funding to reimburse municipalities for the cost of holding a special statewide referendum in June of 2005. Municipalities shall apply to the Secretary of State for reimbursement of these election costs.

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<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
All Other	\$400,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

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**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "Y" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 343, L.D.  
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	2005-06	2006-07
2 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
All Other	\$139,560	\$0
4 <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$139,560</u>	<u>\$0</u>
6 <b>SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
8 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	\$539,560	\$0
10 <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$539,560</u>	<u>\$0</u>

12       **Sec. PPPP-6. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at**  
14 **statewide election; form of question; effective date.** This Part must be  
16 submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide  
18 election held in June following passage of this Act. The  
20 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of  
22 their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the  
24 manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to  
26 vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the  
28 following question:

      "Do you favor authorizing the issuance of \$410,000,138 in  
bonds to fund prepayment to the Maine State Retirement  
System of a portion of the unfunded actuarial liability in  
order to fund current operations of State Government for the  
fiscal years ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007?"

      The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall  
vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a  
cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below  
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,  
counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings  
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as  
votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review  
the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes  
are cast in favor of the Part, the Governor shall proclaim that  
fact without delay, and the Part takes effect 30 days after the  
date of the proclamation.

      The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each  
city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this  
Part necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.'

      Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering  
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment requires that Part PPPP, which authorizes the  
4 issuance of \$410,000,138 in bonds to fund prepayment to the Maine  
State Retirement System of a portion of the unfunded actuarial  
6 liability in order to fund current operations of State Government  
for the biennium, be submitted to the voters of the State for  
8 approval at an election held in June 2005. This amendment  
provides funding for municipalities to hold elections in June.  
10 Because the voters have not yet approved the bond proposed in  
this Part, this amendment reinstates appropriations to fund  
12 teacher retirement.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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SPONSORED BY: *H. Sawin Millett Jr.*  
(Representative MILLETT)

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TOWN: Waterford

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**HOUSE AMENDMENT**



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 468

LR 2149(19)

**An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007**

**Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment " "**

**Sponsor: Rep Millett**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

## Fiscal Note

Contingent current biennium cost increase - General Fund  
Referendum cost - General Fund

	2005-06	2006-07
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>		
General Fund	\$133,115,226	\$117,424,334
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>		
General Fund	\$175,023,628	\$184,081,037
<b>Transfers</b>		
General Fund	\$41,908,402	\$66,656,703

<b>Referendum Costs</b>	<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Election Type</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Length</b>
	Jun-05	Special	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. A special election would require an additional appropriation of \$139,560.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the bill by \$133,115,226 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$117,424,334 in fiscal year 2006-07. Based on the estimated year-end balances, a balanced budget is not maintained for the 2006-2007 biennium.

Because the savings generated by Section PPPP would, by this amendment, become contingent on approval by the voters in June those savings cannot be booked until passage occurs. The costs above reflect reinstatement of the appropriations for teacher's retirement costs in the biennium reduced by a transfer from unappropriated surplus. They also include \$400,000 appropriated to the Secretary of State to reimburse municipalities for documented expenses incurred in conducting the referendum and \$139,560 for the state costs of holding it.