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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 122ND LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "L" 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"

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

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

28 SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

30 Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

 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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 2005-06
 2006-07

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 All Other
 \$400,000
 \$0

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 GENERAL FUND TOTAL
 \$400,000
 \$0
- 42 Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692
- 44 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the cost of holding a special statewide referendum in June of 2005.

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SENATE AMENDMENT

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	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
2	All Other	\$139,560	\$0
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$139,560	\$0
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	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
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	GENERAL FUND	\$539,560	\$0
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	DEPARTMENT TOTAL – ALL FUNDS	\$539,560	\$0
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Sec. PPPP-6. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Part must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in June following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the 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 30 cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, 32 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings 34 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 36 are cast in favor of the Part, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay, and the Part takes effect 30 days after the 38 date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each 42 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 46 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SENATE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment requires that Part PPPP, which authorizes the issuance of \$410,000,138 in bonds to fund prepayment to the Maine 4 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. 14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED** 16 (See attached) 18

SPONSORED BY. (Senator R.

24 COUNTY: Hancock

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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 Senate Amendment "" to Committee Amendment Sponsor: Sen. Rosen Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

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

			2005-06	2006-07	
Net Cost (Savings)					
General Fund			\$133,115,226	\$117,424,334	
Appropriations/Allocations					
General Fund			\$175,023,628	\$184,081,037	
Transfers					
General Fund			\$41,908,402	\$66,656,703	
Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length	
	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. The 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.