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L.D. 802

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 567, L.D. 802, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Legislature"

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

'Resolve, To Improve the Efficiency of the Legislature'

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

'Sec. 1. Legislative Council to provide laptop computers in Senate. Resolved: That, subject to available funding, the Legislative Council shall provide laptop computers and systems including word processing software, wireless network access, e-mail access and other software that the Legislative Council and President of the Senate consider necessary to carry out legislative functions to all members of the Senate by January 1, 2006; and be it further

Sec. 2. Funding. Resolved: That the Legislative Council may seek outside funding to carry out this resolve. Any person, other than a state agency, desiring to make a financial or in-kind contribution must certify to the Legislative Council that it has no pecuniary or other vested interest in the provision of laptops in the Senate. The certification must be made in the

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manner prescribed by the Legislative Council. All funds accepted must be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council along with an accounting record that includes the amount of the funds, the date the funds were received, from whom the funds were received and the purpose of any limitation on the use of those funds. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer any funds received; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report and provision of laptop computers in House.

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate and Legislative Information Services shall report the results of the laptop experience in the Senate and shall submit any findings to the Legislative Council by June 1, 2006. The Legislative Council shall take into account those findings when providing laptops and systems to all members of the House of Representatives by December 1, 2006; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Legislature 0081

Initiative: Provides funds for the purchase or lease of laptop computers and systems for Senate members by January 2006 and House members by December 2006.

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$305,050	\$631,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$305,050	\$631,000

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Provides a base allocation of \$500 in the event outside funding is received for this purpose.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2005-06	2006-07
All Other	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

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DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2005-06	2006-07
GENERAL FUND	\$305,050	\$631,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$305,550	\$631,500'

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires
the Legislative Council to provide laptop computers and systems
8 in the Senate by January 1, 2006 subject to available funding.
Outside funding may be accepted for the purchase or lease and
10 outfitting of the laptops and must be administered by the
Legislative Council. The Secretary of the Senate and Legislative
12 Information Services shall report on the progress of the laptops
to the Legislative Council by June 1, 2006. The Legislative
14 Council shall take into account the findings of this report when
providing laptops and systems to all members of the House by
16 December 1, 2006.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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LR 1228(02)

An Act To Improve the Efficiency of the Legislature

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

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$305,050	\$631,000	\$87,500	\$87,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$305,050	\$631,000	\$87,500	\$87,500
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the Legislative Council to provide laptops to members of the Senate beginning January 2006 and members of the House by December 1, 2006 will result in additional costs to the Legislature in the amount of \$305,050 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$631,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 and annual ongoing operating costs of \$87,500 beginning in fiscal year 2007-08. This legislation states that the Legislative Council may seek outside funding to purchase or lease the laptops. An allocation of Other Special Revenue Funds is included in the event outside funding is received for this purpose. The additional costs associated with reporting on the results of the laptop experience in the Senate can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.