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STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 913, L.D. 1315, Bill, "An Act To Permit Recording Proceedings of the Legislature"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 22 to 30 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of subsection 20 (page 1, lines 28 to 33 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'20. Recording of legislative proceedings. To equip the chambers and legislative committee hearing rooms with cameras and recording equipment to make a visual and audio record of legislative sessions of the Senate and House of Representatives and legislative committee hearings. Use of the cameras and recording equipment in each chamber is subject to the rules of that chamber. The records, stored electronically, must be maintained by the Law and Legislative Reference Library and made available to the public. The Legislative Council also may use the cameras and recording equipment to provide Internet broadcasts of legislative sessions, subject to the rules of each chamber being broadcast, and legislative hearings. The Legislative Council shall determine copyright and procedures for the recording, broadcast, rebroadcast and redistribution of legislative sessions and legislative committee hearings, including prohibitions against use for political statements as prescribed in Title 21-A, section 1004, subsection 5.'

SENATE AMENDMENT



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An Act To Permit Recording Proceedings of the Legislature

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment 'A' to Committee Amendment 'A'

Sponsor: Sen. Gagnon

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The projected additional set up costs to allow the use of cameras, and the recording and broadcasting of legislative hearings in 15 committee rooms are estimated to be \$278,100 and the additional annual operating costs are estimated to be \$41,000. These costs can only be incurred if sufficient funds are raised through outside funding.