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L.D. 1315

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

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

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 20 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 30 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Representatives." the following: 'The Legislative Council also may use the cameras to provide Internet broadcasts of legislative sessions. The Legislative Council shall determine copyright and procedures for the recording, broadcast, rebroadcast and redistribution of legislative sessions, including prohibitions against use for political statements as prescribed in Title 21-A, section 1014-C.'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "§170-B." in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 1, line 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "equipment," and inserting in its place the following: 'equipment and' and in the 5th line (page 1, line 43 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "sessions" the following: 'and Internet broadcasts'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in that part designated "§170-B." by inserting at the end a new paragraph to read:

'The Legislative Council may equip the legislative chambers with cameras and commence recording or broadcasting legislative proceedings as sufficient funds become available in the fund.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

REF

'Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §1004, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

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5. Use of recordings of Legislature. A person may not use audio or video recordings or broadcasts made pursuant to Title 3, section 162, subsection 20 to promote the election or defeat of a candidate for statewide or local elective office or to promote the passage or defeat of a ballot measure.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Legislature 0081

Initiative: Provides a base allocation in each year of the biennium in the event outside funding is received for the initial setup for equipping the chambers with basic cameras and recording equipment as well as providing the capability to maintain and archive the recordings.

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

SUMMARY

This amendment authorizes Internet broadcast of legislative sessions in addition to audio feed and visual recordings that are to be archived. The amendment prohibits the use of audio and video recordings for political purposes, with a violation being a Class E crime. The Legislative Council is authorized to determine copyright and other procedures. The amendment also provides that records, both archived and Internet video, will begin only if there is sufficient money raised through grants, gifts, bequests and donations. No budget appropriation is required.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1315

LR 0013(02)

An Act To Permit Recording Proceedings 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
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements:

Establishes a new Class E crime.

The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation authorizes the Legislature to record legislative sessions, requires the Law and Legislative Reference Library to maintain the recordings and establishes a fund to carry out the recording and archiving. Authorizing the Legislature to receive money from any source may result in the collection of Other Special Revenue funds. A base allocation of \$500 in each fiscal year is included in the bill in the event outside funding is received for this purpose. This legislation does not include a General Fund appropriation and will only begin if there is sufficient money raised through outside funding.

The initial setup costs for equipping the chambers with basic cameras and recording equipment and providing the Law and Legislative Reference Library with the capability to archive the recordings is estimated to be approximately \$45,900. Annual operating costs are estimated to be approximately \$1,700. There are other potential costs that can not be determined at this time and will be dependent on whether any unplanned improvements and modifications may be required as a result of the installation of the cameras and recording equipment.