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Majority

L.D. 1718
(Filing No. H-316)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1201, L.D. 1718, "RESOLUTION,
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the
Legislature"

Amend the resolution by incorporating the attached fiscal note.

SUMMARY

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1718

LR 1980(02)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
 Committee: State and Local Government
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund
 Future biennium net savings - General Fund

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-07	General	Referendum	Standard

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions increases the ballot length, an additional appropriation of \$8,000 or more may be required.

If this constitutional amendment is approved by the voters, the size of the Legislature will be reduced by 19 Representatives and 2 Senators. Reducing the size of the Legislature will result in cost savings to the Legislative budget in the Personal Services and All Other line categories beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. The projected future savings are estimated to be \$861,242 in fiscal year 2014-15, \$750,461 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$946,497 in fiscal year 2016-17. The Legislature will also require a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2013-14 to conduct the redistricting. Based upon the amount of funds appropriated and spent for this purpose in fiscal year 2002-03, the cost in fiscal year 2013-14 is estimated to be \$525,000.