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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1580, L.D. 2213, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Improve Public Understanding and Participation in the Rulemaking Process"

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "rule" the following: 'and an e-mail link to the agency liaison'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 6 in the 4th line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "shall" the following: 'either'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 6 in the 6th line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "links to the rules" and inserting the following: 'link to the rules posted'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 8. Rulemaking notice redesign.** The Secretary of State shall redesign the so-called "MAPA-3" and "MAPA-4" notices that are filled out by each department, bureau or agency when submitting proposed and adopted rules to the Secretary of State. The redesigned notices must include a summary paragraph that is easily identified by any member of the public interested in the rule and must be written in plain English that is understandable by the average citizen. The notice must also include the e-mail address of the agency liaison.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment requires rule notices posted on the Secretary of State's website to include an e-mail link to the agency liaison. It clarifies that departments must either post proposed and adopted rules on the departmental website or post a link to the rules on the Secretary of State's website. The amendment changes the redesign provisions in the bill to reflect the fact that MAPA-3 and MAPA-4 are the correct notices to be redesigned and

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- 1 that they are notices, not cover sheets. The MAPA-3 and MAPA-4 notices must also
- 2 include the e-mail address of the agency liaison.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



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LD 2213

LR 3514(02)

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group To Improve Public Understanding and Participation in the Rulemaking Process**

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

**Committee: State and Local Government**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to provide assistance to improve legislative policy committee training and orientation sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to the Secretary of State associated with maintaining agency liaison information and e-mail links, notices of proposed and adopted rules, and contact information for members of Governor-appointed review boards and councils can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.