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4 STATE OF MAINE  
5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
6 123RD LEGISLATURE  
7 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

8 HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1660, L.D. 2302, Bill, "An Act To Remove  
9 Impediments to Changing County Government Fiscal Years"

10 Amend the bill by inserting after section 16 the following:

11 'Sec. 17. 30-A MRSA §864, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

12 4-B. Petition; referendum on county budget. The citizens of the county may file a  
13 petition to send a budget approved pursuant to subsection 4 to referendum in accordance  
14 with this section.

15 A. A petition to send a budget to referendum must:

16 (1) Be submitted to the county commissioners no later than 45 days after the  
17 budget has been adopted;

18 (2) Contain the signatures and legal addresses of voters in the county equal in  
19 number to at least 10% of the total vote cast in the county for Governor at the last  
20 preceding gubernatorial election; and

21 (3) Be submitted to the appropriate municipal registrar for certification by 5 p.m.  
22 on the 10th day before the petition must be filed with the county commissioners  
23 or, if the 10th day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, by 5 p.m. on the next  
24 day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The registrar must complete  
25 the certification of the petitions and return them to the circulators or their agents  
26 within 5 days of the date on which the petitions were submitted, Saturdays,  
27 Sundays and legal holidays excepted.

28 B. No later than 45 days after receipt of a petition, the county commissioners shall  
29 schedule a countywide referendum on the budget.

30 C. If the voters do not approve the budget, the county shall prepare another budget in  
31 accordance with this section.'

32 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
33 section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment establishes a process for the citizens of Kennebec County to file a petition to send the county budget to referendum.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**SPONSORED BY:**

(Representative COTTA)

**TOWN: China**



Approved: 04/14/08 *MAC*

# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2302

LR 3570(05)

## An Act To Remove Impediments to Changing County Government Fiscal Years

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "*A*"

Sponsor: Rep. Cotta of China

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

#### State Mandates

##### Required Activity

The requirement that Kennebec County send a duly adopted budget to referendum if the citizens of that county fulfill certain petition requirements is a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine.

##### Unit Affected

County

##### Costs

Significant