

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 108

Date: 4/21/9

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Majority

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 92, L.D. 108, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Terms for State Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to 4 Years"

Amend the resolution in page 1, line 8 by striking out the following: "2012," and inserting the following: '2014.'

Amend the resolution in page 3, line 26 by striking out the following: "2012?" and inserting the following: '2014?'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the year in which 4-year terms would begin from 2012 to 2014 to coincide with gubernatorial elections.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 108

LR 91(02)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Change the Terms for State Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to 4 Years

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
 Potential future biennium savings - General Fund
 Future biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-09	General	Referendum	Standard

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 requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

If approved by the voters, this bill may result in savings to the Legislature depending on the resulting policy changes implemented by the Legislative Council.

This legislation proposes a constitutional amendment that beginning with the general election held in 2012 the Legislative election would occur every four years. This process would result in cost savings to the Maine Clean Election Fund. If this legislation were to go forward, 2014 would be the first year savings would be realized, which are estimated at \$4,200,000 in Other Special Revenue Funds.