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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 123,
L.D. 144, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To
Reduce the Size of the Legislature"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first and 2nd indented paragraphs
after the title (page 1, lines 12 to 15 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the resolution by striking out all of the 2nd to 7th indented paragraphs and
inserting the following:

'Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. First, §2 is amended to read:

**Section 2. Number of Representatives; biennial terms; division of the
State into districts for House of Representatives.** The House of Representatives
shall consist of 151 members, except that, for the Legislature that convenes in 2015 and
thereafter, the House of Representatives shall consist of 131 members, to be elected by
the qualified electors, and hold their office 2 years from the day next preceding the first
Wednesday in December following the general election. The Legislature which convenes
in 1983 and every 10th year thereafter shall cause the State to be divided into districts for
the choice of one Representative for each district. The number of Representatives shall
be divided into the number of inhabitants of the State exclusive of foreigners not
naturalized according to the latest Federal Decennial Census or a State Census previously
ordered by the Legislature to coincide with the Federal Decennial Census, to determine a
mean population figure for each Representative District. Each Representative District
shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory and shall cross political subdivision
lines the least number of times necessary to establish as nearly as practicable equally
populated districts. Whenever the population of a municipality entitles it to more than
one district, all whole districts shall be drawn within municipal boundaries. Any
population remainder within the municipality shall be included in a district with
contiguous territory and shall be kept intact.'

Amend the amendment in the 3rd indented paragraph after the title in the question in
the last line (page 1, line 19 in amendment) by striking out the following: "2013" and
inserting in its place the following: '2015'

SUMMARY

This amendment provides for a reduction in the size of the House of Representatives for the Legislature that convenes in 2015 and thereafter, rather than for the Legislature that convenes in 2013 and thereafter, as provided in the resolution. The amendment allows redistricting to occur in 2013.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY:



(Representative FLOOD)

TOWN: Winthrop



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

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Flood of Winthrop

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium savings - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment delays the effective date and eliminates the current biennium costs for apportionment. The apportionment costs would remain as budgeted in fiscal year 2012-13. This amendment would also delay the savings of the bill by 2 years.

If approved by the voters as amended by this amendment, the reduction in the number of legislators will result in savings from legislative salaries and expenses as estimated below:

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Legislative Salaries and Expenses	\$0	\$0	(\$879,298)