

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Minority

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. 123, L.D. 144, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the Legislature"

Amend the resolution in the 3rd indented paragraph in 4th line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "115" and inserting in its place the following: '131'

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the 4th and 5th indented paragraphs (page 1, lines 24 to 30 in L.D.)

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 2 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 131 members effective in the year 2013?" '

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, reduces the size of the House of Representatives to 131 members rather than the 115 members in the constitutional resolution. It also removes from the resolution the proposed changes to the size of the Senate so that the Senate would remain at an odd number of Senators between 31 and 35.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 144

LR 75(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
 Potential future biennium savings - General Fund

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, the reduction in the number of legislators will result in savings from legislative salaries and expenses as estimated below:

| | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Legislative Salaries and Expenses | | | (\$1,642,479) | (\$1,414,064) | (\$1,759,776) |
| Apportionment Timing | \$485,000 | | (\$485,000) | | |
| Total Estimated Cost (Savings) | \$485,000 | \$0 | (\$2,127,479) | (\$1,414,064) | (\$1,759,776) |

The Legislature would require an additional appropriation in fiscal year 2010-11 to fund the costs of the apportionment of the legislative districts. The normal timing of the apportionment costs is for them to be incurred in fiscal year 2012-13.