

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. 537, L.D. 786, Bill, "An Act To Require That Minutes Be Kept of Municipal Meetings"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2505 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by adding after the following: "chapter" the following: 'except when a majority of the municipal legislative body determines that it is unnecessary by a show of hands at the beginning of the meeting

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, requires minutes of a municipal meeting to be kept unless a majority of the municipal legislative body determines that it is unnecessary by a show of hands at the beginning of the meeting. It also adds a mandate preamble.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 786

LR 1716(02)

An Act To Require That Minutes Be Kept of Municipal Meetings

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

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requiring the recording and maintaining of minutes of all meetings of a municipality held under 30-A MRSA Chapter 121: Meetings and Elections unless determined unnecessary by a show of hands at the beginning of the meeting may be a mandate under the Constitution of Maine.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Significant statewide

Pursuant to inclusion of the Mandate Preamble, a two-thirds vote of the members of each house exempts the State from the requirement that it fund at least 90% of the cost of the mandated activities.