

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to I.B. 4, L.D. 977, Bill, "An Act To Repeal the School District Consolidation Laws"

Amend the bill by incorporating the attached fiscal note.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 977

LR 1933(02)

## An Act To Repeal the School District Consolidation Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"  
 Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs  
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

|                                   | 2009-10      | 2010-11      | Projections<br>2011-12 | Projections<br>2012-13 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>         |              |              |                        |                        |
| General Fund                      | \$37,351,286 | \$38,202,896 | \$38,787,400           | \$39,380,847           |
| <b>Appropriations/Allocations</b> |              |              |                        |                        |
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### Referendum Costs

| Month/Year | Election Type | Question       | Length   |
|------------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| Nov-09     | General       | Initiated Bill | 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

This is an initiated bill. Unless enacted without change during the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature, this bill and any competing bills must be submitted to the voters at the next statewide election.

If enacted, or approved by the voters, this legislation will increase the total state and local cost of K-12 public education by approximately \$67,911,430 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$69,459,811 in fiscal year 2010-11 in order to restore funding that was reduced to certain cost components within essential programs and services (EPS) to recognize savings that were anticipated to be achieved as a result of the consolidation of school administrative units. Beginning in the 2008-2009 school year, Public Law 2007, c.240, Part XXXX reduced the system administration cost component of essential programs and services (EPS) by 50% and the operation and maintenance of plant, special education and transportation cost components of EPS by 5% each. The fiscal year 2009-10 and 2010-11 estimates are based on the projected cost to state and local governments of \$66,397,565 in fiscal year 2008-09 increased by average growth in the State's real personal income of 2.28% for the 2010-2011 biennium and 1.53% for the 2012-2013 biennium.

The General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education will require additional General Fund appropriations \$37,351,286 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$38,202,896 in fiscal year 2010-11 for the State's share of restoring the funds. The increased costs to local towns and municipalities associated with funding the local share is estimated to be \$30,560,143 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$31,256,915 in fiscal year 2010-11, or approximately 0.3 mills each year.