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124TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 809, L.D. 1170, Bill, "An Act To Ensure the Accuracy of Maine Election Results"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Report on the Accuracy of Election Results'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Secretary of State to examine recent election recounts. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall examine the results of at least 20 recent election recounts and compare those results with the original vote totals announced for those elections. The Secretary of State shall include in this examination elections that were conducted using electronic vote tally machines and elections in which the ballots were hand-counted; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall issue a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs no later than February 15, 2010 based on the examination under section 1 that lists the election night vote tally versus the recount vote tally for the elections examined. The report must include any reasons discovered for discrepancy, including failure to properly follow post-election procedures. The report must make recommendations and suggest legislation that would establish a formal system for comparing election night vote tallies to recount vote tallies to provide ongoing information regarding the accuracy of election results in the State. The Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature based on the information received in the report.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Secretary of State to examine recent election recounts and compare the election night vote tally with the recount vote tally for those elections. The Secretary of State is required to submit a

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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- 1 report to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs by February 15,
- 2 2010 and include recommendations for a formal system of examining election recount
- 3 results to provide information on the accuracy of elections in the State.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 1170

LR 1163(02)

An Act To Ensure the Accuracy of Maine Election Results

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

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Secretary of State associated with examining the results of recent election recounts can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.