

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 1345

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Minority

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 946, L.D. 1345, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Required Number of Signatures for a Direct Initiative or a People's Veto and To Limit a Direct Initiative to One Subject"

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

**'Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Number of Signatures Required for a Direct Initiative'**

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the 2nd to 5th indented paragraphs (page 1, lines 4 to 32 in L.D.)

Amend the resolution in the 7th indented paragraph in the 4th line (page 1, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "20%" and inserting the following: '15%'

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 2, lines 19 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to increase the number of signatures that a petitioner must gather for a direct initiative?"

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It strikes from the resolution the increase in the signature requirement for a people's veto and the requirement that a direct initiative be limited to one subject. It changes the signature requirement for a direct initiative to 15% of the votes cast in the last gubernatorial election. It also changes the question to be printed on the ballot.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1345**

**LR 1685(02)**

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Required Number of Signatures for a Direct Initiative or a People's Veto and To Limit a Direct Initiative to One Subject**

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

**Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

<b>Referendum Costs</b>	<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Election Type</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Length</b>
	Nov-10	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.