

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. 1000, L.D. 1424, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Unicameral Legislature"

Amend the resolution in Article IV in Part Fourth in section 2 in the first line (page 8, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "105" and inserting the following: '151'

Amend the resolution in the referendum in the question in the last line (page 18, line 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "105" and inserting the following: '151'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes the number of members of a unicameral Legislature from 105 members to 151 members.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1424

LR 1356(02)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Unicameral 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
 Potential future biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

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 Legislature would realize General Fund savings beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. The projected savings for a 1st Regular Session and a 2nd Regular Session are summarized below:

	1st Regular Session	2nd Regular Session
	2014-15	2015-16
Legislative salaries and benefits	(\$1,219,396)	(\$1,046,877)
Legislator's expenses and constituent services costs	(\$329,700)	(\$270,900)
Elimination of staff and certain offices	(\$2,548,556)	(\$2,700,696)
Elimination of remain All Other of Senate budget	(\$546,257)	(\$540,307)
Total Estimated Cost (Savings)	(\$4,643,909)	(\$4,558,780)

The amount of the net savings may vary up or down from these amounts depending on the policy decisions made in reaction to the changes in the Legislature.

The amount of payments made through the Maine Clean Election Fund would also be reduced beginning in fiscal year 2013-14. The amount of savings which could be realized is estimated to be \$1,949,000.