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L.D. 40

Date: 5-25-11

(Filing No. S-169)

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT " C " to H.P. 33, L.D. 40, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the House of Representatives"

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

**'RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the House of Representatives and the Senate'**

Amend the resolution in that part designated "Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. First, §2" by adding after Section 2 and before "; and be it further" the following:

**'Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. Second, §1** is amended to read:

**Section 1. Number of Senators.** The Senate shall consist of an odd number of Senators, not less than 31 nor more than 35, except that, for the Legislature that convenes in 2015 and thereafter, the Senate shall consist of an odd number of Senators, not less than 31 nor more than 33, elected at the same time and for the same term as Representatives by the qualified electors of the districts into which the State shall be from time to time divided.'

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to reduce the size of the House of Representatives from 151 members to 131 members and to reduce the size of the Senate to not less than 31 members nor more than 33 members effective in the year 2015?" '

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SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 33, L.D. 40

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment reduces the size of the Senate to an odd number of Senators, ranging from 31 to 33, beginning in 2015.

**SPONSORED BY:** Cynthia Dill  
(Senator DILL)  
**COUNTY:** Cumberland

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 40

LR 103(06)

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Size of the House of Representatives**

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "C" S-169**

**Sponsor: Sen. Dill of Cumberland**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium savings - General Fund  
Potential future biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment would increase the future savings, if the voters approve the Constitutional Amendment. The projected additional General Fund savings from a reduction of at least 2, but no more than 4 Senators would range from \$86,450 to \$172,902 in fiscal year 2014-15 and from \$74,007 to \$148,015 in fiscal year 2015-16 beginning with the 127th Legislature. The amounts will depend on the number of Senators to be established by statutory change.

This amendment would increase the future savings to the Maine Clean Elections Fund. The projected additional Other Special Revenue Funds savings from a reduction of at least 2, but no more than 4 Senators would range from \$103,980 to \$207,960 in fiscal year 2014-15. The amounts will depend on the number of Senators to be established by statutory change.