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L.D. 607

Date: 4-8-11

MINORITY

(Filing No. S- 31)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

125TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 187, L.D. 607, "RESOLUTION,
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the Governor To Be
Elected by a Majority Vote"

Amend the resolution by incorporating the attached fiscal note.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal
note.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 607

LR 1041(02)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require the Governor To Be Elected by a Majority Vote

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" *S-31*

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund
Potential future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-11	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, this requirement may result in future costs to the Legislature, if the Senate and House are required to meet in joint session to order a runoff election. The projected cost for a one-day special session is approximately \$45,000.

The estimated cost to the State for an additional special runoff election based on current costs would be approximately \$125,000 for the cost of the ballots. Municipalities would also incur additional costs estimated to be roughly \$300,000 statewide.