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L.D. 1882

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(Filing No. S-517)

MAJORITY

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

125TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 659, L.D. 1882, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Presidential Primary in the State"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs To Develop Legislation Establishing a Presidential Primary'

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

Sec. 1. Committee to meet. Resolved: That, by October 15, 2012 but no sooner than July 1, 2012, the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs shall hold a meeting to consider options for legislation to establish a presidential primary in the State. The committee may work with the Secretary of State to develop the timeline for a presidential primary and to ensure compliance with existing state and federal law governing the conduct of elections and consult with representatives of political parties regarding party rules; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 1, 2012, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over elections matters shall complete its report detailing the options considered at its meeting held in accordance with section 1 and develop necessary implementing legislation. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to establish a presidential primary to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to meet and develop legislation to be considered by the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature that establishes a presidential primary.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED,
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 03/31/12 *MAC*

125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1882

LR 2818(02)

An Act To Establish a Presidential Primary in the State

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-517

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The projected expenses for one interim meeting of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs are projected to be \$2,125 in fiscal year 2012-13. If an additional interim meeting is needed, the incremental cost of that meeting is estimated to be \$1,625. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2012-13 for legislative studies. Whether the amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with developing a timeline for a presidential primary and ensuring compliance with applicable laws can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.