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L.D. 80

Date: 5/20/13

Minority

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 58, L.D. 80, Bill, "An Act To Change the Schedule for the Beginning of the Biennial Budget Cycle"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 to 7 (page 2, lines 26 to 34 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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Sec. 5. Application; single-year budget 2017-18. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017, the budget of the State must provide for a complete financial plan for only that one fiscal year.

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Sec. 6. Submit legislation. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs shall submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature to address references throughout the Maine Revised Statutes to the "biennial budget" and to make any additional technical changes necessary to implement this Act.

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Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Information Services 0155**

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Initiative: Provides funds for the Bureau of the Budget's information system changes required to accommodate the change to the budget biennium.

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GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
All Other	\$0	\$245,975
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$245,975

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1	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL		
2	SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
3	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
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5	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$245,975
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7	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$245,975

8 **LEGISLATURE**

9 **Legislature 0081**

10 Initiative: Provides funding for the Legislature to contract for assistance to reprogram the
11 Legislature's budget and fiscal note system to accommodate the change to the budget
12 biennium.

13	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
14	All Other	\$60,000	\$0
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16	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$60,000	\$0

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18	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
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20	GENERAL FUND	\$60,000	\$0
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22	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$60,000	\$0

23	SECTION TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
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25	GENERAL FUND	\$60,000	\$245,975
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27	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$60,000	\$245,975

28 **Sec. 8. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised
29 Statutes, Title 5, section 1665, subsections 1 and 7; Title 5, section 1666, first paragraph;
30 and Title 5, section 1666-A take effect July 1, 2017.'

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This amendment is the minority report of the committee and shifts the start of the
33 fiscal biennium for the state budget from the first regular session of the Legislature to the
34 second regular session of the Legislature beginning with the fiscal year that begins on
35 July 1, 2018, instead of July 1, 2016 as proposed in the bill. It also provides that the state

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budget beginning July 1, 2017, instead of July 1, 2015 as proposed in the bill, is a one-year budget. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

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LD 80

LR 280(02)

An Act To Change the Schedule for the Beginning of the Biennial Budget Cycle

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-200)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$60,000	\$245,975	\$670,981	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$60,000	\$245,975	\$670,981	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$245,975 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the information system changes required to accommodate the change in the budget biennium. The estimated cost in fiscal year 2015-16 is \$670,981, resulting in a total project cost of \$916,956.

This bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of \$60,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 for the Legislature to contract for assistance to reprogram the Legislature's budget and fiscal note system to accommodate the change to the budget biennium.

The Legislature will also incur other additional costs depending on how the Legislature decides to react to the change in the timing of the biennial budget. At a minimum, it is likely that additional committee meetings will be held before the start of the Second Regular Session in order to complete work on the biennial budget within the statutory deadlines for budget enactment. The estimated cost for each interim committee meeting is \$1,625 per committee per day. The total estimated cost beginning in fiscal year 2016-17 could be as much as \$100,000, depending on the number of committees meeting for joint hearings prior to the start of the Second Regular Session.