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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

127TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 507, L.D. 1377, "Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 5 to 7 and inserting the following:

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall meet at least 2 and no more than 4 times annually to review unfunded and outdated municipal mandates in order to provide recommendations and to report out a list of mandates for the Legislature to consider eliminating or revising; and be it further

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 6, 2017, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature related to the report.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and makes the following changes to the resolve.

1. It states that the commission must meet between 2 and 4 times per year instead of at least twice as stated in the bill.

2. It states that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 3. It requires the commission to submit its report no later than December 6, 2017
2 instead of December 31, 2017 as in the resolve.

3 4. It allows the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
4 state and local government matters to report out a bill related to the report to the Second
5 Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1377

LR 1228(02)

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Reduction of Unfunded and Outdated Municipal Mandates

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(S-212)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,150 in each of fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.