

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 231, L.D. 298, Bill, "An Act To Limit Agency Expenditures To Influence Elections"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §59 in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or within a political subdivision of the State"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §59 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Notwithstanding any other law, an" and inserting the following: 'An'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §59 in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the 3rd line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "referendum if the summary contains" and inserting the following: 'referendum that does not expressly advocate the support or opposition of the ballot measure. The summary must contain'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §59 in subsection 3 in paragraph A in the next to the last line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "does" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §59 in subsection 3 in paragraph C in subparagraph (1) in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 35 and 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or a political subdivision of the State"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §59 in subsection 3 in paragraph C in subparagraph (3) in the first 2 lines (page 2, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or of the executive head of the governing body of a political subdivision of the State"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §59 in subsection 3 in paragraph C in subparagraph (4) in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 2, lines 5 and 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "or of the executive head of the governing body of a political subdivision of the State or of that person's family"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the provisions of the bill that prohibit political subdivisions in the State from expending public resources to influence the outcome of a direct initiative of legislation, a people's veto referendum or other statewide referendum. The amendment clarifies that resources spent by an agency on a factual summary of the issues may not be used to express support or opposition for the ballot measure.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 298

LR 1829(02)

**An Act To Limit Agency Expenditures To Influence Elections**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment** *A(H-141)*

**Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General are expected to be minor and can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.