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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 708, L.D. 1007, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Lengths of Terms and Decrease the Number of Terms of Members of the Legislature"

Amend the resolution in that part designated "Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. First, §2" in Section 2 in the 9th line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~10th~~ 12th" and inserting the following: '10th'

Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "Constitution, Art. V, Pt. First, §14, first ¶" (page 2, lines 33 to 42 and page 3, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.)

Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "Constitution, Art. VI, §6" (page 3, lines 3 to 12 in L.D.)

Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "Constitution, Art. IX, §4" (page 3, lines 13 to 20 in L.D.)

Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "Constitution, Art. X, §4" (page 3, lines 21 to 33 in L.D.)

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, removes the provision in the resolution that changes apportionment to a 12-year cycle and leaves it at 10 years. The amendment also removes those provisions of the resolution that change references to biennial elections in the Constitution of Maine, as biennial elections will continue.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See Attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1007

LR 466(02)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Lengths of Terms and Decrease the Number of Terms of Members of the Legislature

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-86)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential future biennium savings - General Fund

Potential future biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-17	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

The Legislature, the Department of Secretary of State and the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices would likely realize future biennium savings if the frequency of Legislative elections is reduced. The amount and timing of these savings cannot be determined at this time.