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L.D. 1209
(Filing No. H-204)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 873, L.D. 1209, Bill, "An Act To Require Legislative Hearings on Citizen-initiated Legislation"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §907 in the first paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "hearings." the following: 'The requirement to hold a public hearing may be waived by a vote of 2/3 of the members present in each House of the Legislature.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment permits the Legislature to waive the public hearing requirement by a 2/3 vote of those present in each House of the Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1209

LR 950(02)

An Act To Require Legislative Hearings on Citizen-initiated Legislation

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A (H-204)

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

If the public hearing required by this bill is held during a legislative session, the portion of the Legislature's baseline budget used for committee meetings held during the legislative session would be used for this purpose. If a public hearing is held during the interim when the Legislature is not in regular or special session, the portion of the baseline budget reserved for interim committee meetings would be used for this purpose. Whether or not there will be sufficient funds to hold public hearings for a citizens initiative will depend on the number of committee meetings authorized for the interim.