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Date: 6/14/19 Report B

L.D. 1669  
(Filing No. H-600)

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1196, L.D. 1669, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Help Ensure That Direct Initiatives of Legislation Are Compatible with the Constitution of Maine and Statutory Law"

Amend the resolution by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Require Legal Review To Determine the Constitutionality of Direct Initiatives of Legislation'

Amend the resolution by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSa §901, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Review for constitutionality. The Secretary of State and the Attorney General shall review the proposed law for a direct initiative of legislation within 15 business days after the direct initiative application was received by the Secretary of State and determine whether the proposed law conflicts with the Constitution of Maine or the United States Constitution. If the Secretary of State or the Attorney General determines that a conflict exists, the official shall provide a written opinion describing the conflict to the applicant before the end of the 15 business days. The applicant may submit a new draft of the proposed law to the Secretary of State in response to the written opinion.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is one of 2 minority reports of the committee, strikes the resolution and replaces it with a bill requiring the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to review the proposed law submitted with an application for a direct initiative of legislation to determine whether it conflicts with the Constitution of Maine or the United States Constitution. If the Secretary of State or the Attorney General determines that a conflict exists, that official must provide a written opinion describing the conflict to the

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1 applicant within 15 business days after the direct initiative application was received by  
2 the Secretary of State. The applicant may submit a new draft of the proposed law to the  
3 Secretary of State in response to the written opinion.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 (See attached)



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1669

LR 300(02)

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Help Ensure That Direct Initiatives of Legislation Are Compatible with the Constitution of Maine and Statutory Law**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-600)***

**Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State and to the Office of the Attorney General associated with reviewing the direct initiative can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.