

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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MAJORITY

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

130TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 196, L.D. 489, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment"

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs after the title and inserting the following:

'Constitution, Art. I, §25 is enacted to read:

Section 25. Environmental rights. The people of the State have the right to a clean and healthy environment and to the preservation of the natural, cultural and healthful qualities of the environment. The State may not infringe upon these rights. The State shall conserve, protect and maintain the State's natural resources, including, but not limited to, its air, water, land and ecosystems for the benefit of all the people, including generations yet to come.'

Amend the resolution in the question in the 3rd line (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ", recreational, scenic"

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, makes a number of changes to the amendment to the Constitution of Maine proposed in the resolution, including the removal of reference to the State serving as trustee of the natural resources of the State. It also makes changes to the language of the ballot question to be submitted to the voters for ratification to be consistent with the changes made in this amendment to the proposed constitutional amendment.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 489

LR 209(02)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"(553)

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
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Nov-21

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 \$172,000 may be required.