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L.D. 1220

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

130TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 895, L.D. 1220, "An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature Every 2 Weeks To Maintain a State of Emergency Declared by the Governor"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 1, lines 15 and 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "approval of the Legislature may be obtained by polling the members of the Legislature" and inserting the following: 'at the time, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall convene the Legislature, with the consent of a majority of the members of the Legislature of each political party, all members of the Legislature having been first polled'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to convene the Legislature in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, if the Legislature is not in session, to vote on the renewal of a Governor's state of emergency.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/11/21 *MAC*

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1220

LR 1444(02)

**An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature Every 2 Weeks To Maintain a State of
Emergency Declared by the Governor**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-205)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The Legislature's baseline budget for 2022-2023 includes funds for the Legislature to meet in special session on 2 days each fiscal year following the applicable statutory deadline. Whether or not there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of holding a special session for the purpose of extending or terminating a state of emergency will depend on the number of times the Legislature is required to convene in special session during the interim.