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Date 5/31/23

(Filing No S-146)

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 54, L D 86, "An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following

'Sec. 3. Statutory referendum procedure; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question

"Do you favor making the former state flag, replaced as the official flag of the State in 1909 and commonly known as the Pine Tree Flag, the official flag of the State?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No". The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 54, LD 86 (S-146)

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SUMMARY

This amendment authorizes for referendum the question as to whether to make the former state flag, replaced as the official flag of the State in 1909 and commonly known as the Pine Tree Flag, the official flag of the State

SPONSORED BY: Eric L. Brakey

(Senator BRAKEY, E.)

COUNTY: Androscoggin

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 86

LR 485(04)

An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Original Bill (S-146)

Sponsor: Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-23	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.