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MAJORITY

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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 436, L D 1067, "Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature"

Amend the resolve in the emergency preamble by inserting after the 2nd paragraph the following

'Whereas, the effective and efficient functioning of the Legislature is essential to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and economy of the State, and'

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following

'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 15 members appointed as follows

1 Four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including 2 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature,

2 Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including 2 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature,

3 One member who is registered to lobby in the State appointed by the President of the Senate,

4 Two public members recommended by a statewide organization that represents local labor unions, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House,

5 Two public members recommended by a statewide organization that advocates for the creation and preservation of jobs that create economic value or bring money into the State, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House, and

6 Two former members of the Legislature, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House '

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LR 1483(02)

Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study the Operations of the Maine Legislature

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-286)
Committee: State and Local Government
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$5,850 in fiscal year 2023-24. The Legislature's proposed budget for the 2024-2025 biennium includes \$14,500 in each of fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$2,234 in projected balances from fiscal year 2022-23 and \$36,777 of balances carried over from prior years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.