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L D 1641

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P. 1051, L D 1641, "Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource"

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Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following

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'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies, and

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Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to provide sufficient time for the study established in this legislation to be completed, and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now, therefore, be it'

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Amend the resolve in section 7 in the first line (page 2, line 33 in L D) by inserting after the following "That," the following 'notwithstanding Joint Rule 353,'

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Amend the resolve in section 7 in the 4th line (page 2, line 36 in L D.) by striking out the following: "taxation" and inserting the following 'environment and natural resources'

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Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following

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'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved '

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

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SUMMARY

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause. It also provides that the report of the Commission to Study the Role of Water as a Resource in the State of

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 1051, L D 1641

1 Maine is to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
2 jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1641

LR 2124(02)

Resolve, to Further Study the Role of Water as a Resource

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-197)*

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,050 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.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the various state agencies from serving on the commission in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.