

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### STATE OF MAINE

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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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### 131ST LEGISLATURE

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### FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 1255, L D 1953, "RESOLUTION,  
10 Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Parental Bill of  
11 Rights"

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Amend the resolution by striking out that part designated "Constitution, Art. IX, §26"  
13 (page 1, lines 4 to 41, page 2, lines 1 to 41, page 3, lines 1 to 40, and page 4, lines 1 to 10  
14 in L D ) and inserting the following

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'Constitution, Art. IX, §26 is enacted to read

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Section 26. Parental rights. The natural, inherent and unalienable rights of minor  
17 children are held by their parents or guardians until the age of majority or a grant of  
18 emancipation. This State, its political subdivisions and all governmental entities may not  
19 infringe on the authority of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care for the  
20 physical, mental and spiritual health of their children, absent abuse or neglect by the parent  
21 or guardian or criminal acts by the minor.'

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Amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 4, lines 17 to 21 in L D )  
23 and inserting the following

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"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to describe parental  
25 rights that are reserved to the parent of a minor child and limit the  
26 infringement of these rights by the State or a political subdivision of the  
27 State?"

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

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### SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the provisions of the resolution and proposes to amend the  
32 Constitution of Maine to provide that the natural, inherent and unalienable rights of minor  
33 children are held by their parents or guardians until the age of majority or a grant of  
34 emancipation and that this State, its political subdivisions and all governmental entities

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 1255, L D 1953

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2 the physical, mental and spiritual health of their children, absent abuse or neglect by the  
3 parent or guardian or criminal acts by the minor

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 (See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1953

LR 752(02)

## RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Parental Bill of Rights

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-660)  
Committee: Judiciary

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.