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STATE GOVERNMENT  
BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

following city approval of the application, reviewed the project and found no basis by which FAME could disapprove the project for funding. The project did not violate any statutory or regulatory criteria.

Following much concern by some of the citizens and legislators in the Portland area, FAME promised to postpone the hearing on the application until the 112th Legislature convened. The applicant eventually withdrew the application.

In order to attract business expansion from out-of-state, FAME argues that the residency of the applicant should not be a deterrent to financing prospects under FAME law.

The issue of this bill, however, differs from many other types of projects planned by FAME. According to proponents of the bill, an out-of-state entrepreneur can finance a fishing vessel through FAME and operate his vessel entirely outside the state waters, including the landing of the catch. Unlike other projects which have capital investments in land and buildings that remain in the State, fishing vessels are mobile and can be easily removed from the State.

Nevertheless, machinery and equipment financed by FAME for manufacturing firms is mobile and can be removed from the State.

The bill was withdrawn on the premise that the issue would be addressed in a general revision of the FAME statutes. This revision, LD 1118, requires every project to meet a public purpose and to have minimum contact with the State as provided in rules adopted by the agency.

LD:

549

RESOLUTION, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
CONSTITUTION OF MAINE REDUCING THE SIZE OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO 99 MEMBERS

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HOUSE Accepted Committee Report  
SENATE Accepted Committee Report  
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SUMMARY:

This bill proposed to reduce the size of the House of Representatives to 99 members as a means of providing more efficiency and flexibility in the legislative process and to reduce costs of State Government.

The bill was rejected, in part, because there has not been any degree of public demand to increase the size of legislative districts and thereby reduce the number of representatives.