



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1726

LR 2669(03)

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires election clerks to develop and provide informational materials to circulators of petitions describing the laws governing the collection of signatures at or outside polling places. This assumes the materials are not developed and provided to the clerks by the Secretary of State.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Moderate statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.