



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor's Emergency Powers

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Sampson of Alfred

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current law allows the Legislature to terminate a state of emergency by joint resolution at any time. The bill requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to extend a state of emergency for up to 30 days beyond the timeframe for the initial proclamation and to approve additional 30-day extensions. It also requires a majority vote in either House to terminate the emergency proclamation. The Legislature's baseline budget for 2022-2023 includes funds for the Legislature to meet in special session on 2 days each fiscal year following the applicable statutory deadline. Whether or not there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of holding a special session for the purpose of extending or terminating a state of emergency will depend on the number of times the Legislature is required to convene in special session during the interim.