



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Limit the Governor's Emergency Powers by Requiring a Two-thirds Vote of the Legislature To Continue an Emergency after 90 Days**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Lemelin of Chelsea**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

### Legislative Cost/Study

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The bill requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to extend a state of emergency for longer than 90 days and to extend the Governor's authority to extend an order or rule issued pursuant to the state of emergency for longer than 90 days. 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 will depend on the number of times the Legislature is required to convene in special session during the interim.