



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1635**

**LR 1818(01)**

## **An Act to Streamline Municipal Referenda Recount Initiation**

### **Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Arata of New Gloucester**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## **Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement**

Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

### **State Mandates**

<b>Required Activity</b>	<b>Unit Affected</b>	<b>Local Cost</b>
Requires municipalities to automatically initiate recounts if municipal referendums pass or fail by less than 1% of all the votes cast in the referendum, including any blank ballots cast.	Municipality	Insignificant 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.