



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Restore Balanced Emergency Powers

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Brakey of Androscoggin

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Legislative Cost/Study

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires a 2/3 vote of each House of the Legislature to extend a state of emergency that is to be in effect for longer than 30 days. It also requires the approval of the Legislature in order for an emergency proclamation to be reissued or renewed if it is substantially similar to one that has expired, or to be reissued if it was terminated by the Legislature. The Legislature's baseline budget for 2024-2025 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 a state of emergency or approving extensions to an order that is to be in effect for longer than 90 days will depend on the number of times the Legislature is required to convene in special session during the interim.