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## **An Act To Disclose Legislative Spending**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 501, Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**12. Statement of costs.** To prepare statements pertaining to the existence of cost or the amount of cost to municipalities or counties for implementing or complying with a proposed law. The statement of cost ~~shall~~must be made within the limits of information provided to the office designated by the Legislative Council as having responsibility for financial analysis. The statements ~~shall~~must be furnished to the appropriate committee for the information of its members and for inclusion in bills ~~which~~that receive an ought to pass report when reported by the committee. A statement ~~shall~~is not be necessary for any bill ~~which~~that has no cost to municipalities or counties; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§13**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 501, Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

**13. Other duties.** To undertake such other duties as are assigned by the Executive Director; and

**Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §163-A, sub-§14** is enacted to read:

**14. Public spending information.** To post and maintain on the publicly accessible website of the Legislature a detailed disclosure of legislative spending by line item and comparative data of legislative spending by other rural states' legislatures.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires a detailed, line-item disclosure of the money spent by the Legislature to be posted on the Legislature's publicly accessible website along with comparative data from other rural states' legislatures.