



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 771

LR 757(03)

An Act To Establish the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Appoint unorganized township representatives to the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission.	County	Insignificant limited scope

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires the State Planning Office to replace the functions to be performed by the St. John Valley Regional Planning Commission should the Commission be unable to organize and govern itself in accordance with its' charter. This places a contingent liability upon the State which the State Planning Office estimates would require an annual appropriation of \$125,772. Given the low probability that the State Planning Office will be required to replace the Commission, no appropriations are included in the bill at this time.