



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1201

LR 970(03)

An Act To Increase the Amount of Funds Available to Counties for Witness Fees and Prosecution Costs

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " "

Sponsor: Rep. Willette of Mapleton

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Reduction of the potential loss of unbudgeted revenue - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Eliminating the bill's doubling from \$20,000 to \$40,000 of the amount each prosecutorial district is allowed to hold in the Extradition and Prosecution Expenses Account will reduce the amount of the potential loss of unbudgeted revenue created by the bill. The expansion of expenditures allowed by the bill to include witness fees and expenses incurred by district attorneys in criminal prosecutions still means that the amount in excess of the \$20,000 limit available to be transferred to the General Fund will be less than without the bill. No estimate is made of the amount not transferred to the General Fund because of the uncertainties of which districts will have forfeited bail money to replenish their accounts and what levels of spending will occur in each.