



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Amend Maine's Genetically Modified Food Products Labeling Law

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### Fiscal Note

Contingent current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-16	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Under current law, PL 2013, c. 436 requires that if at least five contiguous states, including Maine, adopt legislation requiring mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food by January 1, 2018, then food offered for retail sale that is genetically engineered requires disclosure. This bill, instead, makes PL 2013, c. 436 contingent on approval by the voters at a statewide election in November 2016. If approved by the voters at a statewide election, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry would require a General Fund appropriation of \$83,798 in fiscal year 2016-17 for one Consumer Protection Inspector position, one Office Associate II position and other related costs.