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An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Extend a State of Emergency

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta and
Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §743, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 594, §34, is amended
3 to read:

4 **2. Limitation.** ~~No~~ A state of emergency may not continue for longer than 30 days
5 unless renewed by the Governor after approval by a 2/3 vote of the Legislature. The
6 Legislature, by joint resolution, may terminate a state of emergency at ~~anytime~~ any time.
7 Thereupon, the Governor shall issue an executive proclamation ending the state of
8 emergency.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to permit the Governor to extend a state
11 of emergency.