



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Amend the Charter of the Bingham Water District

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill amends the charter of the Bingham Water District to change the procedure by which the board of trustees receives compensation and changes the vote to amend the bylaws to require only a simple majority. The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is required to convene a stakeholder group to examine issues relating to the loss of customers by water utilities, including the effects this has on utilities' ability to pay for infrastructure as well as the impact on remaining customers. The PUC must report the findings of the stakeholder group to the Legislature by February 15, 2013. These provisions result in a minor increase in costs to the PUC which can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.