



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 2610(01)

An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Remote Participation in Public Proceedings

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Hobbins of Saco

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

To adopt a written policy concerning remote attendance at public meetings.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Insignificant statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General are expected to be minor.