



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Sen. Pouliot of Kennebec**

**Committee: State and Local Government**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

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Current law allows the Legislature to terminate a state of emergency by joint resolution at any time. The bill requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature in order for the Governor to extend a state of emergency. The Legislature's baseline budget for 2022-2023 includes funds for the Legislature to meet in special session on 2 days each fiscal year following the applicable statutory deadline. Whether or not there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of holding a special session for the purpose of extending a state of emergency will depend on the number of times the Legislature is required to convene in special session during the interim.