



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 547(01)

An Act Regarding Municipal Property Tax Levy Limits

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Adams of Lebanon

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires municipalities to calculate the property tax levy limit which includes input and feedback from numerous employees, including municipal assessors, tax collectors, managers, as well as staff who prepare the warrants for approval at either a town meeting or referendum election.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Moderate
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.