



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 1204(03)

An Act to Initiate Recounts in Tied Elections

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-145)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note

Potential Mandate Removed - Committee exception

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

In the Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement (PFIS) for this bill, it was identified as a Potential State Mandate - Unfunded. The committee reviewed the PFIS and determined that because the likelihood of tie votes occurring in municipalities where secret ballots are used for elections of town officials or for municipal referenda elections at town meetings would be so infrequent the requirement likely will not have significant costs, and that this bill was not a mandate. As the committee included this exception in the summary of the committee amendment, the Potential State Mandate - Unfunded language was removed from the fiscal note for the committee amendment.

Any additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with this legislation are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.