



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1008****LR 761(02)**

## **An Act to Require the Attorney General to Seek Legislative Approval Before Filing Any Civil Suit on Behalf of the State and to Authorize Citizen-initiated Petitions to Move for Dismissal**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Judiciary****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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### **Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$302,708	\$313,524	\$340,533
<b>Revenue</b>				
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### **Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements**

This bill may decrease the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The Judicial Branch may realize some minor reduction of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed. Collection of filing fees will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

### **Legislative Cost/Study**

The additional costs to the Legislature are expected to be minor if the request of the joint standing committee occurs during a legislative session. If the request occurs when the Legislature is not in session, the additional costs to the Legislature would be approximately \$18,700 per day for the special session per diem plus approximately \$25,968 for travel-related allowances for the Legislature to return for a single day.

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$302,708 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Department of the Attorney General for one full-time equivalent Assistant Attorney General position, one full-time equivalent Research Assistant position and related costs to seek legislative approval before filing lawsuits. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Department of the Attorney General would increase by \$302,708 in fiscal year 2026-27 for reimbursement of legal services from state agencies.

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.