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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 21, L.D. 14, “An Act To Require a Two-thirds Vote To Extend a State of Emergency”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §743, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 594, §34, is amended to read:

2. Limitation. ~~No~~ A state of emergency may not continue for longer than 30 days unless renewed by the Governor after approval by a 2/3 vote of the Legislature. If the Legislature is not in session at the time, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall convene the Legislature, with the consent of a majority of the members of the Legislature of each political party, all members of the Legislature having been first polled. The Legislature, by joint resolution, may terminate a state of emergency at ~~anytime~~ any time. Thereupon, the Governor shall issue an executive proclamation ending the state of emergency.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, clarifies that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House are required to convene the Legislature in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 1 if a vote on extending a state of emergency is needed when the Legislature is not in session.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)