

BOFS

LD 489

Majority OTP-AM report (10 members)

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L.D. 489

(Filing No. S-)

* Minority ONTP report (Hanley, Johnson, O'Connor)
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 196, L.D. 489, "RESOLUTION,
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy
Environment"

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs after the title
and inserting the following:

'Constitution, Art. I, §25 is enacted to read:

Section 25. Environmental rights. The people of the State have the right to a
clean and healthy environment and to the preservation of the natural, cultural and healthful
qualities of the environment. The State may not infringe upon these rights. The State shall
conserve, protect and maintain the State's natural resources, including, but not limited to,
its air, water, land and ecosystems for the benefit of all the people, including generations
yet to come.'

Amend the resolution in the question in the 3rd line (page 1, line 23 in L.D.) by striking
out the following: ", recreational, scenic"

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, makes a number of
changes to the amendment to the Constitution of Maine proposed in the resolution,
including the removal of reference to the State serving as trustee of the natural resources
of the State. It also makes changes to the language of the ballot question to be submitted
to the voters for ratification to be consistent with the changes made in this amendment to
the proposed constitutional amendment.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LR 209(02)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

| Month/Year | Election Type | Question | Length |
|------------|---------------|------------|----------|
| Nov-21 | General | Referendum | Standard |

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$172,000 may be required.