



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1543

LR 2073(01)

An Act To Allow Counties To Opt Out of Maine Judicial Marshal Service

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Burns of Whiting

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The requirement that the Judicial Department contract with a county to compensate the county for the salary of qualified deputy sheriffs if the county elects to provide its own court security services will increase the costs of security services the Judicial Department currently supports. If this limitation resulted in a 5% or a 10% increase in cost, an additional annual General Fund appropriation of \$75,000 or \$150,000, respectively, would be required. It would also likely increase the costs to the Judicial Department to recruit and train new Marshalls. The exact amount required to support these additional costs will depend on how many and which counties decide to provide their own court security.