



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Increase the Lengths of Terms of Members of the Legislature

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Schneck of Bangor

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Future biennium savings - General Fund

Future biennium savings - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-13	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 \$107,250 may be required.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

If approved by the voters, the Legislature would realize savings of approximately \$45,000 in fiscal year 2018-19 and every 2 years thereafter from reduced new member orientation expenses.

If approved by the voters, this constitutional amendment would increase legislative terms from 2 to 4 years. This change will result in an Other Special Revenue Funds savings of \$426,877 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$2,467,670 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices due to eliminating the 2018 legislative election. This estimate assumes initial payment amounts to qualifying candidates will increase by 4% each election. Other Special Revenue Funds revenue to the Commission would decrease by \$140,350 in fiscal year 2018-19 from not collecting qualifying contributions.