



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act to Enhance Legislative Participation in the Governor's Use of Emergency Powers

### Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Lee of Auburn

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

### Legislative Cost/Study

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill requires a 3/5 vote of each House of the Legislature to extend a state of emergency that is to be in effect for longer than 30 days. If the Legislature is unable to assemble within 30 days, it shall take a renewal vote as soon as practicable. The bill also requires the approval of the Legislature in order for an emergency proclamation to be reissued or renewed if it is substantially similar to one that has expired, or to be reissued if it was terminated by the Legislature. The bill further allows the Legislature, by joint resolution, to terminate a state of emergency at any time by the vote of a majority of each House of the Legislature. The Legislature's baseline budget for 2024-2025 includes funds for the Legislature to meet in special session on 2 days each fiscal year following the applicable statutory deadline. Whether or not there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of holding a special session for these purposes will depend on the number of times the Legislature is required to convene in special session during the interim.

The Legislature's baseline budget for 2024-2025 includes funds for the Legislative Council to meet monthly during the interim.