

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1478, L.D. 2090,  
"RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine  
to Clarify Succession to the Positions of Treasurer of State and  
Secretary of State"

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the first part  
designated "Section 1-A." (page 1, lines 7 to 11 in L.D.) and  
inserting in its place the following:

'Section 1-A. Succession to the office of Secretary of  
State. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary of  
State, the first deputy secretary of state shall act as the  
Secretary of State until a Secretary of State is elected by the  
Legislature during the current session if the Legislature is in  
session when the vacancy occurs, or at the next regular or  
special session of the Legislature if it is not in session.'

Further amend the resolution by striking out all of the 2nd  
part designated "Section 1-A." (page 1, lines 15 to 19 in L.D.)  
and inserting in its place the following:

'Section 1-A. Succession to the office of Treasurer. If a  
vacancy occurs in the office of Treasurer of State, the deputy  
treasurer of state shall act as the Treasurer of State until a  
Treasurer of State is elected by the Legislature during the  
current session if the Legislature is in session when the vacancy  
occurs, or at the next regular or special session of the  
Legislature if it is not in session.'

Further amend the resolution by striking out all of the  
question (page 1, lines 32 to 38 in L.D.) and inserting in its  
place the following:

2 ' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow  
3 the deputy treasurer of state to fill the vacant position of  
4 Treasurer of State and the first deputy secretary of state  
5 to fill the vacant position of Secretary of State until the  
6 Legislature elects a new Treasurer of State and Secretary of  
7 State during the current session if the Legislature is in  
8 session when the vacancy occurs, or in the next regular or  
9 special session of the Legislature if it is not in  
10 session?" '

11 Further amend the resolution by inserting before the  
12 statement of fact the following:

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14 **FISCAL NOTE**

15 The estimated cost of sending this resolution out to  
16 referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda  
17 enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 115th  
18 Legislature. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one  
19 to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional  
20 referendum costs an additional \$7,000.'

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23 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This amendment clarifies the provisions of the bill by  
25 indicating the process for selection of a successor to the  
26 Secretary of State and the Treasurer of State if a vacancy occurs  
27 while the Legislature is in session. The amendment adds a fiscal  
28 note.  
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