

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 11, 2005

### **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Funding of State Special Elections**

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Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BROWN of South Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: FISCHER of Presque Isle, JODREY of Bethel, MOORE of Standish, OTT of York, PINEAU of Jay, TARDY of Newport, TUTTLE of Sanford, TWOMEY of Biddeford.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §633.** as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

6 **§633. Election expenses; regular elections**

8 Except for the added expenses incurred by a municipality  
10 under section 632, each municipality shall pay for the expense it  
12 incurs in calling, holding and reporting the results of an a  
14 regular election as defined in section 1, subsection 39. The  
State shall pay for other election expenses incurred as a result  
of the performance by state officials of their duties under this  
Title.

16 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §633-A** is enacted to read:

18 **§633-A. Election expenses; special elections**

20 The expenses each municipality incurs in calling, holding  
22 and reporting the results of a special election, as defined in  
24 section 1, subsection 41, must be reimbursed by the State if the  
special election expenses are incurred by action of the State.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires the State to pay the cost of holding  
30 special elections allowed by the Legislature by reimbursing  
municipalities for the election costs directly incurred.