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Date: 5/23/17 Majority

L.D. 1383  
(Filing No. H-268)

**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 962, L.D. 1383, "RESOLUTION,  
Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting"

Amend the resolution in that part designated "Constitution, Art. II, §4" in Section 4  
by striking out all of the 2nd sentence (page 1, lines 8 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the  
following: 'The Legislature by proper enactment may authorize a process by which  
municipalities may conduct early voting by allowing voters to vote in the same manner as  
on election day during a prescribed period immediately preceding an election.'

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 23 to 27 in  
L.D.) and inserting the following:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow the  
Legislature to authorize a process by which a municipality may conduct  
early voting in the same manner as on election day during a period  
immediately preceding an election?"

**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the provision of the constitutional resolution allowing early  
voting to provide that the Legislature may authorize a process by which municipalities  
may conduct early voting by allowing voters to vote in the same manner as on election  
day during a period immediately preceding an election. The amendment retains the  
provision of the resolution that allows absentee voting for any sufficient reason.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1383

LR 529(02)

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-268)**

**Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

## Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

**Referendum Costs**

<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Election Type</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Length</b>
Nov-17	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.