

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

129TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 523, L.D. 1626, Bill, "An Act To Implement a Presidential Primary System in Maine"

Amend the bill in section 4 in §441 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 24 and 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. Unenrolled voter participation. Notwithstanding section 340, subsection 1, a registered voter not enrolled in a party may participate in a party's presidential primary election without enrolling in that party. An unenrolled voter may vote in only one party's presidential primary election.'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §443 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 2, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "432" and inserting the following: '442'

Amend the bill in section 4 in §443 in the first paragraph in the 4th line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "432" and inserting the following: '442'

Amend the bill by adding after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for printing and delivering presidential primary ballots to municipalities.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$161,250	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$161,250	\$0

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
2 section number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, strikes the provision of
5 the bill mandating that each party's presidential primary elections are closed to any voter
6 not enrolled in that party. Under the amendment, an unenrolled voter may choose to vote
7 in one party's presidential primary election. The amendment also corrects cross-
8 references in the bill.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 (See attached)



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1626

LR 2289(03)

An Act To Implement a Presidential Primary System in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-187)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$161,250	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$161,250	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill establishes a presidential primary election. It includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Secretary of State of \$161,250 in fiscal year 2019-20 for printing and delivering presidential primary ballots to municipalities.