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**STATE OF MAINE**

**SENATE**

**129TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 540, L.D. 1663, Bill, "An Act To Clarify Ranked-choice Voting Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §601, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 473, §11 and affected by §46, is further amended to read:

**1. Arrangement.** The ballots must be arranged in a manner that is as consistent and uniform as possible throughout the State, except that ranked-choice contests must be grouped together and may be presented on the same page of the ballot as contests other than ranked-choice contests or on a separate ballot or ballot page from contests other than ranked-choice contests.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §696, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 253, §32, is further amended to read:

A. If Except as provided in section 723-A for elections determined by ranked-choice voting, if a voter marks more names for an office than there are vacancies to be filled or more choices for a question than are permitted, the voter's vote for that office or question may not be counted.'

Amend the bill in section 7 in §700 in the first paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 13 and 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the unofficial results include only the first choice votes cast" and inserting the following: 'an election official shall post a paper copy of the results of the first choice votes cast'

Amend the bill in section 13 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 3, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "subsections subsection 3 and 4" and inserting the following: 'subsections 3 and 4'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 15 and inserting the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1663

LR 2285(02)

An Act To Clarify Ranked-choice Voting Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "H" (S-194)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.