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**STATE OF MAINE  
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129TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 691, L.D. 1989, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Recounts in Municipal Elections"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this legislation corrects an error in Public Law 2019, chapter 288, An Act To Clarify Recounts in Municipal Elections, by expanding the recount process created in that law to all elections for municipal office, not just to the election of a municipal officer; and

**Whereas,** delay in the effective date of this legislation will mean that the municipal recount process for upcoming municipal elections will apply to some but not all of the elected persons; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**