MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the

LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY

at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library

http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied (searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)



1	L.D. 13				
2	Date (6/5/25 (Filing No. S-29/)				
	MAJORITY				
3	VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS				
4	Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.				
5	STATE OF MAINE				
6	SENATE				
7	132ND LEGISLATURE				
8	FIRST SPECIAL SESSION				
9 10 11	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "# " to S.P. 26, L.D. 13, "An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State and to Reconvene the Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools"				
12	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:				
13 14	'An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State'				
15 16 17	Amend the bill in section 1 in §611 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "purpose." the following: 'The unexpended balance in the fund is limited to \$1,500,000.'				
18 19	Amend the bill in section 1 in §611 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "30th" the following: 'biennially'				
20 21	Amend the bill in section 1 in §611 in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$266,000" and inserting the following: '\$410,000'				
22	Amend the bill in section 1 in §611 by inserting after subsection 3 the following:				
23 24 25 26 27 28 29	'4. Limitations on transfers; excess funds. Notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, if the transfer under subsection 2 or subsection 3 would cause the unexpended balance in the fund to exceed the limit established in subsection 1, the transfer must be reduced to an amount equal to the difference of \$1,500,000 and the unexpended balance in the fund on the date of the transfer. By June 30th of each fiscal year, the State Controller shall transfer from the fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund any amount in excess of the limit established in subsection 1.'				
30	Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:				
31 32 33 34 35	'Sec. 2. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding the September 30, 2025 date of transfer under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 611, subsection 2, the transfer of \$410,000 to occur on or before September 30, 2025 pursuant to Title 21-A, section 611, subsection 2 must occur on or before September 30, 2025 or the effective date of this section, whichever occurs later.				

Page 1 - 132LR0044(02)

ı	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " 10 S.P. 26, L.D. 13 (5-291))			
1 2	Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The allocations are made.	following approp	riations and		
3	SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF				
4	Production and Delivery of Election Materials Fund N485				
5 6	Initiative: Creates the Production and Delivery of Election Materials Fund with a biennial transfer of \$410,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.				
7 8 9	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS All Other	2025-26 \$410,000	2026-27 \$0		
10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$410,000	\$0		
11	1				
12 13	Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.				
14	SUMMARY				
15 16 17 18	This amendment adjusts the ongoing transfer to the Production and Delivery of Election Materials Fund, established in the bill, from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund from \$266,000 annually to \$410,000 biennially. It also limits the unexpended balance in the new fund to \$1,500,000.				
19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	The amendment provides that the biennial transfer of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the new fund and the transfer of funds as a result of carrying forward and transferring any remaining balances in the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions program, General Fund account at the end of each fiscal year must be reduced by any amount that would create an unexpended balance in excess of \$1,500,000. It also provides that by June 30th of each fiscal year, the State Controller must transfer from the new fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund any amount in excess of \$1,500,000.				
27	The amendment also removes the section reconvening	g the working gre	oup to study		

The amendment also removes the section reconvening the working group to study polling places at schools.

28

29

30

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 13

LR 44(02)

An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of Election Materials by the Secretary of State and to Reconvene the Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (5-291)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)		•		
General Fund	\$410,000	\$0	\$410,000	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations Other Special Revenue Funds	* \$410,000	\$0	\$410,000	. \$0
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$410,000)	\$0	(\$410,000)	. \$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$410,000	. \$0	\$410,000	. \$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill creates the Production and Delivery of Election Materials Fund within the Department of Secretary of State. The bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Department of Secretary of State of \$410,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 to support costs associated with the production and delivery of election materials. The bill provides for biennial transfers from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Fund of \$410,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 to fund the election materials costs. The bill also provides that if the balance in the Fund exceeds \$1,500,000 the difference must be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.