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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 226, L.D. 508, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Constitutional Officers to Be Elected by Popular Election"

Amend the resolution by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Statewide Popular Election of the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General Using Ranked-choice Voting'**

Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "Constitution, Art. V, Pt. Second, §1" (page 1, lines 4 to 8 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'Constitution, Art. V, Pt. Second, §1 is amended to read:**

**Section 1. Election.** The Secretary of State shall be chosen ~~biennially at the first session of the Legislature, by joint ballot of the popular election on the same date and in the same manner as provided by this Constitution for the election of Senators and Representatives in convention, except that the votes of all qualified electors must involve in any election involving 3 or more candidates the ranking of candidates in order of preference according to the procedure established by law and the tabulation of such votes must occur in rounds according to the procedure established by law. The Governor shall examine the tabulation and, 7 days before the first Wednesday of December biennially, shall issue a summons to such person as appears to be elected by a majority of all votes returned or, if the electors rank candidates in order of preference, a majority of all votes in the final round of tabulation, to take office.~~

Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "Constitution, Art. V, Pt. Third, §1" (page 1, lines 15 to 19 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'Constitution, Art. V, Pt. Third, §1 is amended to read:**

**Section 1. Election.** The Treasurer shall be chosen ~~biennially, at the first session of the Legislature, by joint ballot of the popular election on the same date and in the same manner as provided by this Constitution for the election of Senators, and Representatives in convention, except that the votes of all qualified electors must involve in any election involving 3 or more candidates the ranking of candidates in order of preference according to the procedure established by law and the tabulation of such votes must occur in rounds~~

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2 and, 7 days before the first Wednesday of December biennially, shall issue a summons to  
3 such person as appears to be elected by a majority of all votes returned or, if the electors  
4 rank candidates in order of preference, a majority of all votes in the final round of  
5 tabulation, to take office.'

6 Amend the resolution by striking out all of that part designated "Constitution, Art.  
7 IX, §11" (page 1, lines 26 to 32 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

8 'Constitution, Art. IX, §11 is amended to read:

9 **Section 11. Attorney General.** The Attorney General shall be chosen biennially  
10 by joint ballot of the popular election on the same date and in the same manner as provided  
11 by this Constitution for the election of Senators and Representatives in convention, except  
12 that the votes of all qualified electors must involve in any election involving 3 or more  
13 candidates the ranking of candidates in order of preference according to the procedure  
14 established by law and the tabulation of such votes must occur in rounds according to the  
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16 before the first Wednesday of December biennially, shall issue a summons to such person  
17 as appears to be elected by a majority of all votes returned or, if the electors rank candidates  
18 in order of preference, a majority of all votes in the final round of tabulation, to take office.  
19 Vacancy in said office ~~occurring when the Legislature is not in session,~~ may be filled by  
20 appointment by the Governor, subject to confirmation as required by this Constitution for  
21 Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.'

22 Amend the resolution in the question in the 3rd line (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by inserting  
23 after the following: "manner" the following: ', using ranked-choice voting,'

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

## 26 SUMMARY

27 This amendment requires ranked-choice voting to be used for the election of the  
28 Secretary of State, the Treasurer of State and the Attorney General.

29 SPONSORED BY: 

30 (Representative LEE, A.)

31 TOWN: Auburn