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History and Final Disposition

LD 1646 / HP1137

Original Title: An Act To Bring Maine's Ranked-choice Voting Law into Constitutional Compliance. New Title: An Act To Implement Ranked-choice Voting in 2021. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Presented by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth. Public Hearing 10/16/17. Amended by: CB (Changed Title) H-568. Enacted, Unsigned 11/04/17, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 316. Final Disposition: Most of this law, except for portions of sections 1 and 3, was repealed by People's Veto in a Referendum, 06/12/18 (In favor of repeal: 149,900; Opposed: 128,291).

Original Bill

[LD 1646 \(128th Legis. 2017\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 1646 \(1st Regular Session\)](#)

[LD 1646 \(Carried over\) / PL 2017, c. 316](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf128-LD-1646.pdf)

New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-567\) \(LD 1646 2017\) \(Report A\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(H-568\) \(LD 1646 2017\) \(Report B\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CC \(H-569\) \(LD 1646 2017\) \(Report D\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, August 2, 2017 \(H1140-1187\)](#)

- p. H-1161

[HOUSE, August 2, 2017 \(H1140-1187\)](#)

- p. H-1180

[SENATE, August 2, 2017 \(S1345-1381\)](#)

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[SENATE, August 2, 2017 \(S1345-1381\)](#)

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[HOUSE, October 23, 2017 \(H1188-1207\)](#)

- p. H-1193 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p1196)) (Amendment(s) H-567, H-568, H-569 (p1194))

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- p. H-1197 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p1197, 1198, 1199 (2))) (Amendment(s) H-567, H-568)

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- p. H-1205 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p1206)) (Amendment(s) H-568)

[SENATE, October 23, 2017 \(S1382-1445\)](#)

- p. S-1433 (Remarks) (Roll Call(s) (p1435)) (Amendment(s) H-567, H-568)

[SENATE, October 23, 2017 \(S1382-1445\)](#)

- p. S-1444 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) H-568)

[HOUSE, November 6, 2017 \(H1208-1215\)](#)

- p. H-1214 (Remarks (in passing))

[HOUSE, November 6, 2017 \(H1208-1215\)](#)

- p. H-1215 (Remarks (in passing))

[HOUSE, March 27, 2018 \(H1439-1459\)](#)

- p. H-1440 ((by topic))

[SENATE, March 27, 2018 \(S1725-1751\)](#)

- p. S-1730 ((by topic))

[SENATE, April 2, 2018 \(S1790-1815\)](#)

- p. S-1803

Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2017, c. 316](#)

News Articles

Maine lawmakers divided over ranked-choice voting (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 6/28/2017, p. B1, B6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/PPH 170628D.pdf)

Voter-approved ranked-choice voting stays in effect as repeal bills fail (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 6/29/2017, p. B1, B6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/PPH 170629D.pdf)

Legislature poised to take one more shot at fixing ranked-choice voting law (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 7/20/2017, p. C1, C6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/PPH 170720E.pdf)

Bill represents the best way forward for ranked-choice voting (Betsy Sweet) (Kennebec Journal, 10/1/2017, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/KJ 171001B.pdf)

Maine has a way forward on ranked-choice voting lawmakers should take it (Jill Ward) (Bangor Daily News, 10/5/2017, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/BDN 171005C.pdf)

It's time for a final decision on ranked choice voting (Jill Goldthwait) (Ellsworth American, 10/5/2017, p. Sec. II, p. 1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/Ellsworth American 171005C.pdf)

A final resolution on ranked-choice voting - Fix it, don't patch it (Gordon L. Weil) (Portland Press Herald, 10/6/2017, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/PPH 171006C.pdf)

Believers, doubters square off on ranked-choice (Steve Fuller) (Ellsworth American, 10/19/2017, p. Sec., 1, p. 1, 10) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/Ellsworth American 171019A.pdf)

Maine lawmakers add confusion to very simple question (Editorial) (Portland Press Herald, 10/19/2017, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/PPH 171019C.pdf)

The new ranked-choice voting bill is still unconstitutional (Jacob Posik) (Times Record, 10/19/2017, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/Times Record 171019F.pdf)

Maine lawmakers tuck ‘poison pill’ into ranked-choice voting bill (Christopher Cousins) (Bangor Daily News, 10/24/2017, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/BDN 171024A.pdf)

Legislature delays and potentially repeals ranked-choice voting (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 10/24/2017, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/PPH 171024D.pdf)

People's veto threat adds intrigue to Maine's ranked-choice voting fight (Christopher Cousins) (Bangor Daily News, 10/25/2017, p. A1, A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/BDN 171025B.pdf)

After Legislature delays ranked-choice voting, push for people's veto is on (Scott Thistle) (Portland Press Herald, 10/25/2017, p. B1, B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/PPH 171025G.pdf)

Legislators block voter-approved ranked-choice voting (Stephen Betts) (Courier Gazette, 10/26/2017, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/Courier Gazette 171026B.pdf)

Lawmakers delay ranked choice voting until after 2021 (Jack Dodson) (Ellsworth American, 10/26/2017, p. Section I, page 1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/Ellsworth American 171026A.pdf)

Legislature votes to delay and potentially repeal ranked-choice voting (Jacob Posik) (Times Record, 10/26/2017, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/Times Record 171026E.pdf)

Marijuana, ranked choice voting debated at special session (David Woodsome) (Journal Tribune, 10/31/2017, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/Journal Tribune 171031C.pdf)

Ranked-choice voting supporters prepare for ‘people’s veto’ as delay bill takes effect (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 11/4/2017, p. B3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD16xx/nc128-LD-1646/PPH 171104D.pdf)

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