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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 71, L.D. 74,
Bill, "AN ACT Concerning the Approval of Voting De-
vices."

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1
and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSa §810 is enacted to read:

§810. Approval of voting devices

The Secretary of State may adopt rules governing
the type of voting devices and voting systems, as de-
fined in section 841, to minimize the cost of produc-
ing ballot materials.

Voting devices approved and recommended pursuant
to these rules may be used by any municipality in a
state election. A municipality may use other ap-
proved voting devices which are not recommended, but,
if the cost of ballot materials for these devices ex-
ceeds the Secretary of State's estimated cost of pre-
paring paper ballots for that municipality, the mu-
nicipality shall reimburse the State for the differ-
ence in that cost.

The Secretary of State shall publish, biennially
in the odd-numbered years, the list of approved vot-
ing devices, including the estimated amount a munici-
pality may have to reimburse the State if devices
which are not recommended are used.

This section applies only to those voting devices
in use by the municipality after October 1, 1987.'

Further amend the bill by inserting before the
statement of fact the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 71, L.D. 74

1 'FISCAL NOTE

2 The Secretary of State's office will be able to
3 absorb the cost of adopting rules and publishing the
4 approved voting devices list within its existing bud-
5 get. The reimbursement to the State from certain mu-
6 nicipalities is not expected to generate a signifi-
7 cant amount of revenue.'

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This amendment allows the Secretary of State to
10 adopt rules governing voting devices and systems in
11 order to minimize costs of producing ballots, while
12 giving municipalities some freedom of choice. The
13 Secretary of State is required to publish a list of
14 approved and recommended devices and systems bienni-
15 ally. If a device or system is approved, but not
16 recommended, the municipality shall pay the State the
17 difference in costs for ballots between a recommended
18 device or system and one not recommended.

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