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L.D. 2084

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1530, L.D. 2084,
Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Elected Clerks Handling
Absentee Ballots."

Amend the Bill by inserting after the Title the
following:

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

Whereas, preparations for the absentee balloting
process are already underway to allow for the timely
printing and delivery of these ballots in advance of
when they are needed for municipal elections this
spring; and

Whereas, under Public Law 1987, chapter 364, which
was enacted in the First Regular Session of the 113th
Legislature, municipal clerks who are also candidates
who will be elected by written ballot subject
themselves to Class D criminal penalties if they in
any way "handle" absentee ballots; and

Whereas, this new law is severely hampering
elected clerks' ability to conduct their traditional
and necessary supervision of the absentee balloting
process; and

