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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 483, L.D. 623, Bill, "An Act to Require Election Law Training to Voter Registrars and Clerks"

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §101, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Training. The registrar must attend a training session that is approved by the Secretary of State at least once every 2 years in regard to the conduct of voter registration.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 7-A in the 3rd line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "elections." the following: 'The Secretary of State shall offer training sessions regionally at least once every 2 years at no fee.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2003.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

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6 The Bureau of Corporation, Elections and Commissions within
the Office of the Secretary of State will incur some minor
8 additional costs to provide training to municipal clerks
regionally at least once every 2 years at no fee in regard to the
10 conduct of elections and to assist municipalities in providing
training to all election officials. These costs can be absorbed
within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.

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14 The requirement that each municipal clerk attend training
that is approved by the Secretary of State at least once every 2
16 years in regard to the conduct of elections represents a state
mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional
local costs can not be determined at this time. Unless General
18 Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the
additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and
20 2/3 of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from
the funding requirement, the municipalities may not be required
22 to implement these changes.'

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SUMMARY

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28 This amendment adds a provision to the original bill that
requires the Secretary of State to offer regional training
sessions at least once every 2 years at no fee. This amendment
30 adds a requirement that the registrar of voters attend training
once every 2 years and sets a delayed effective date of January
32 1, 2003. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.