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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1243, L.D. 1686, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Elections"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 to 4.

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Further amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "flexible"

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

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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

'FISCAL NOTE

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4 This bill requires that municipalities with a population
6 greater than 100 open polling places at 7 a.m. on election day
8 and municipalities with a population less than 100 open polling
10 places no later than 10 a.m. The additional costs of this state
mandate can not be determined at this time. Pursuant to the
Mandate Preamble, the 2/3 vote of all members elected to each
House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to
fund 90% of the additional local costs.'

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SUMMARY

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16 This amendment strikes all of the original bill except for
18 the requirement that all polling places open no later than 7
a.m. Under this amendment municipalities with a population of
less than 100 may open their polls at 10 a.m. The amendment also
adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to the bill.