

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1519, L.D. 2023, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Election Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3.

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:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The requirement that municipalities must complete certain tasks pertaining to elections represents a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional local costs are likely to be relatively minor. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and 2/3 of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, the municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.

The Secretary of State will incur some minor additional costs to distribute voting rights posters to each municipality. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment strikes the provisions of the original bill that provide for a new process by which United States citizens living outside the United States may register to vote and retains current law.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.