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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 159, L.D. 200, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Revoke the Voting Privileges of Convicted Persons in Prison"

Amend the resolution by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Revoke Voting Privileges of Persons Serving Terms of Imprisonment in State Correctional Facilities'

Further amend the resolution in that part designated "Section 1." in the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th lines from the end (page 1, lines 22 to 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "nor may any person convicted of murder or a Class A crime or a crime in another jurisdiction that is comparable to murder or a Class A crime be entitled to the right of suffrage while that person is imprisoned in a jail or correctional facility in the State" and inserting in its place the following: 'nor may any person sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a state correctional facility be entitled to the right of suffrage while that person is imprisoned'

Further amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 46 to 48 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to revoke the right of a person sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a state correctional facility to vote while that person is imprisoned?" '

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report. This amendment changes the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Maine so that it revokes the voting privileges of any person sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a state correctional facility instead of revoking the voting privileges of any person convicted of murder or a Class A crime who is imprisoned in either a jail or a correctional facility.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 200

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine
to Revoke the Voting Privileges of Convicted Persons in Prison**

LR 0245(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill As Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-03	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions increases the ballot length, an additional appropriation of \$8,000 or more may be required.