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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 711, L.D. 1026, Bill, "An Act To Provide Uniform Voter Verification and Recount Requirements for Voting Machines"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 10 in the first 2 lines (page 1, lines 6 and 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ~~"Unless---excluded---pursuant---to---section---812-A, subsection-1,--it~~ It" and inserting in its place the following: ~~'Unless-excluded-pursuant-to~~ Except as provided in section 812-A, subsection 1, it'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 21 to 36 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'1. Accessible voting equipment at each polling place. The Secretary of State, in compliance with the voting accessibility requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, shall provide one direct recording electronic voting machine, or other voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities, for use at each polling place used in the conduct of state elections. Such machines must produce permanent paper records that provide a manual audit capacity for the machines and must also provide voters with audio functions that enable the voters to verify their ballots aurally before the votes are cast, and all such machines ~~are-exempt-from~~ must meet the requirements of section 812, subsection 10 unless the Secretary of State is unable to procure machines that the Secretary of State determines are adequate to meet the requirements of this section and section 812 in time to comply with the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

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2 Additional accessible voting machines may be used in the conduct  
of state elections, but those machines must meet the requirements  
4 set forth in section 812.'

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### **SUMMARY**

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10 This amendment provides that the Secretary of State is not  
required to ensure that a paper audit trail function is included  
on voting machines purchased for disabled access in compliance  
12 with the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 if the machines  
are determined inadequate to meet all the requirements for voting  
14 machines provided in current law.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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# **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 05/16/05 *mac*

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LD 1026

LR 1362(02)

## An Act To Provide Uniform Voter Verification and Recount Requirements for Voting Machines

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Removing certain exemptions for voting machine requirements may increase Federal Expenditures Fund costs incurred by the Department of the Secretary of State. The amounts will depend on the availability and cost of certain equipment and can not be determined at this time. If the cost of new voting machine equipment exceeds available Federal Expenditures Fund resources, the incremental cost will have to be borne by the General Fund.