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6   **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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                       STATE OF MAINE
14   **SENATE**
                   122ND LEGISLATURE
16   **FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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           COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 401, L.D. 1173, "Resolve,
20   Directing the Secretary of State To Design a Process for Early
     Voting"

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           Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting
24   the following:

26   '**Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Design a Pilot
     Program for Early Voting**'

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           Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title
30   and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

32   '**Sec. 1. Secretary of State to design pilot program for early voting.
     Resolved:**   That the Secretary of State shall design a pilot
34   program for early voting for the general election to be held in
     November 2008.   The Secretary of State shall select one
36   municipality that is willing and able to be the pilot
     municipality and may select an additional municipality or
38   municipalities to participate in the pilot program at the
     discretion of the Secretary of State and with the consent of the
40   municipalities.   In designing the pilot program, the Secretary of
     State may consult with other states that have early voting laws
42   in order to use best practices of those states; and be it further

44   **Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:**   That the Secretary
     of State shall submit a report by February 15, 2007 to the joint
46   standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
     legal and veterans affairs detailing the plan for conducting a
48   pilot program for early voting and outlining any issues of
     concern.   The committee shall review the plan and by May 1, 2007
50   may   submit   legislation   to   the   First   Regular   Session

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 of the 123rd Legislature to authorize the Secretary of State to conduct the pilot program for the November 2008 general election.'

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SUMMARY

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8 This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Secretary of State to design a pilot program for early voting for the November 2008 election. The Secretary of State is required to

10 select one volunteer municipality, and may select others, for the pilot program for early voting. The Secretary of State must

12 present its plan for the early voting pilot program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over

14 legal and veterans affairs by February 15, 2007. The amendment authorizes the committee to submit legislation to authorize the

16 Secretary of State to conduct the early voting pilot program at the November 2008 general election.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1173   LR 0265(02)

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Design a Process for Early Voting

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund