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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 590,
L.D. 1608, "Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Study Methods To Improve Ballot Access"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and 20 inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 11 members appointed as follows:

 Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President
 of the Senate. When making the appointments, the President of the Senate shall ensure representation from both political
 parties and give preference to members from the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs;

Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed
 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. When making the appointments, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
 ensure representation from the major parties, include an unenrolled member or a member of a minor party and give
 preference to members from the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs;

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3. The Secretary of State or a designee;

 A representative of the Maine Municipal Association
 appointed by the President of the Senate from a list provided by the association;

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 2 5. A representative of the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association appointed by the Speaker of the House from a list
 4 provided by the association;

- 6 6. An official of the Maine Democratic Party, appointed by the chair of the party; and
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7. An official of the Maine Republican Party, appointed by the chair of the party.'

- 12 Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 5 the following:
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'Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 and inserting in their place the following:

18 'Sec. 6. Meetings. Resolved: That the commission is authorized to meet 3 times; and be it further

Sec. 7. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission with the assistance of the Office of the Attorney General; and be it further

Sec. 8. Compensation. Resolved: That the legislative members of the commission are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission; and be it further

Further amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any 34 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.' '

SUMMARY

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This amendment does the following.

I. It reduces the commission's membership to include 6 Legislators, the Secretary of State or a designee and a
representative each of the Maine Municipal Association, the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association, the Maine Democratic Party and
the Maine Republican Party.

48 2. It provides that the Office of the Attorney General will provide additional staffing assistance.
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3. It authorizes the commission to meet 3 times.

Tuplessie SPONSORED BY: (Representative DUPLESSIE)

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TOWN: Westbrook

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Study Methods To Improve Ballot Access

Fiscal Note for House Amendment 'A'' to Committee Amendment 'A'' Sponsor: Rep. Duplessie Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Reduced Cost - Legislative Study

Legislative Study

This amendment decreases the cost of the study by \$2,140 in fiscal year 2005-06. As amended, the total cost of this study is \$2,640 in fiscal year 2005-06 and will be funded within the Legislature's current study budget.