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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 925, L.D. 2315, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding Early Voting"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the first indented paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 11 to 13 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 (page 1, lines 5 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Section 4. Time of state election; absentee voting. The election of Senators and Representatives shall be on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November biennially forever and the election of Governor shall be on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November every 4 years. The Legislature by proper enactment may authorize a process to allow qualified voters to vote at polling places in or outside their election districts during the 8-day period immediately preceding an election. The Legislature ~~under~~ by proper enactment shall authorize and provide for voting by absentee ballot by citizens of the State absent therefrom in the Armed Forces of the United States or of this State and for voting by absentee ballot by other citizens ~~absent or physically incapacitated~~ for any reasons deemed sufficient.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 22 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow the Legislature to authorize a process to allow qualified voters to vote at polling places in or outside their election districts during the 8-day period immediately preceding an election?" '

SENATE AMENDMENT

1 **SUMMARY**

2 This amendment reduces the 15-day period for early voting to 8 days and removes
3 the authorization for voting by mail.

4 **SPONSORED BY:** *David M. Murrill*

5 (Senator MARRACHE)

6 **COUNTY:** Kennebec