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Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Conduct a Pilot Program for Early Voting for the November 2009 Election

Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Speaker PINGREE of North Haven and
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, SULLIVAN of York,
Representatives: BECK of Waterville, BRIGGS of Mexico, CORNELL du HOUX of
Brunswick, GOODE of Bangor, TUTTLE of Sanford.

Sec. 1. Secretary of State to conduct a pilot program for early voting
Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall administer a pilot program that allows
selected municipalities to conduct early voting at polling places up to 10 days prior to
election day, November 3, 2009. The Secretary of State shall select the municipalities to
participate in the program, subject to the consent of the municipal clerks. In
administering the early voting program, the Secretary of State shall use findings of the
April 1, 2007 report and pilot program for early voting and the February 25, 2008 report
on the November 2007 pilot program for early voting from the Office of the Secretary of
State and best practices used by other states that have early voting laws; and be it further

Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall submit a report by January 15, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs detailing the results of the pilot program under section 1. The report may include suggested legislation necessary to implement early voting. The committee may submit legislation regarding early voting to the Legislature during the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

16 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Secretary of State to administer a pilot program for early voting that would allow selected municipalities to conduct early voting at polling places up to 10 days prior to the November 3, 2009 election day.

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