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Majority

L.D. 199  
(Filing No. H-733)

**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 176, L.D. 199, Bill, "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photograph Identification for the Purpose of Voting"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study Voter Participation and Registration and the Conduct of Elections in the State'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Report on voter participation, the registration of voters and the conduct of elections. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall conduct a study of voter participation, the current system for registering voters and the conduct of elections in the State. The Secretary of State shall report the findings of the study and any suggested legislation recommended for introduction to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over elections matters no later than February 1, 2013.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Secretary of State to conduct a study of voter participation, the system governing voter registration and the conduct of elections and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over elections matters by February 1, 2013.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 02/23/12 *MAC*

# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 199

LR 108(08)

**An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photograph Identification for the Purpose of Voting**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-733)**

**Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with conducting a study of voter participation, the current system for registering voters and the conduct of elections and reporting the results can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources and with existing staff.