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L.D. 503

Date: 6/3/11

Minority

(Filing No. H-504)

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VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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125TH LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 396, L.D. 503, "Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine the Issue of a Run-off Election for Governor"

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

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'Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine the Issue of a Traditional Run-off Election for Governor'

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 1. Secretary of State directed to examine the issue of a traditional run-off election for Governor. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall examine the issue of holding a traditional run-off election in cases when each candidate for Governor receives less than 50% of the votes cast at the election. The Secretary of State shall confer with the executive director of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices regarding the impact that traditional run-off elections may have on campaign finance laws, including the Maine Clean Election Act; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall submit a report concerning the issue of a traditional run-off election for Governor and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by January 31, 2012.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It clarifies that the Secretary of State is required to examine traditional run-off elections and requires consideration of the impact of traditional run-off elections on the campaign finance laws, including the Maine Clean Election Act.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 06/02/11 *mac*

125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 503

LR 260(02)

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine the Issue of a Run-off Election for Governor

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Secretary of State associated with examining the issue of a run-off election for Governor, conferring with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices regarding the impact on campaign finance laws and reporting the findings can be absorbed with existing staff and within existing budgeted resources.