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**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 736, L.D. 1000, Bill, "An Act To  
10 Require the Secretary of State To Verify Voter Signatures"

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

12 **'Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Examine Centralization of the Petition**  
13 **Signature Verification Process'**

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

16 **'Sec. 1. Secretary of State to examine centralizing the process for**  
17 **verifying petition signatures. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall examine  
18 the potential for centralizing the process for verifying signatures on candidate petitions,  
19 citizens' initiatives and people's veto referendum petitions within the office of the  
20 Secretary of State using the central voter registration system. The Secretary of State shall  
21 consult with municipal clerks and others to determine the benefits of centralization and to  
22 identify any legal or logistical barriers to proceeding with centralization of the process.  
23 The Secretary of State shall submit a report on the findings of the examination under this  
24 section no later than February 1, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and  
25 Legal Affairs.'

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment replaces the bill and creates a resolve directing the Secretary of  
28 State to examine the feasibility of centralizing the process for verifying signatures on  
29 candidate petitions, citizens' initiatives and people's veto referendum petitions.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



Approved: 06/02/11 *MAC*

# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1000

LR 1715(02)

**An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Verify Voter Signatures**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**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 examining the potential for centralizing the process for verifying signatures on petitions and reporting the results can be absorbed with existing staff and within existing budgeted resources.