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L.D. 156

Date: 1/23/14 MAJORITY (Filing No. H-587)

3 APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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5 STATE OF MAINE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 126TH LEGISLATURE
8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 131, L.D. 156, "RESOLUTION,
10 Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning Early Voting and
11 Voting by Absentee Ballot"

12 Amend the resolution by striking out all of section 4 (page 1, lines 5 to 15 in L.D.)
13 and inserting the following:

14 **'Section 4. Time of state election; absentee ballot; early voting.** The
15 election of Senators and Representatives shall be on the Tuesday following the first
16 Monday of November biennially forever and the election of Governor shall be on the
17 Tuesday following the first Monday of November every 4 years. The Legislature by
18 proper enactment shall authorize a process of early voting that allows voting to occur in
19 the same manner as on election day during a period immediately preceding an election.
20 The Legislature ~~under~~ by proper enactment shall authorize and provide for voting by
21 absentee ballot by citizens of the State absent therefrom in the Armed Forces of the
22 United States or of this State and for voting by absentee ballot by other citizens ~~absent or~~
23 ~~physically incapacitated~~ for reasons deemed sufficient.'

24 Amend the resolution by striking all of the question (page 1, lines 23 to 27 in L.D.)
25 and inserting the following:

26 ' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to direct the
27 Legislature to adopt a process of early voting?" '

28 SUMMARY

29 This amendment eliminates the language in the resolution that requires the
30 Legislature to authorize early voting by voters within or outside their places of residence

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 and instead directs the Legislature to authorize a process of early voting that allows
2 voting to occur in the same manner as on election day during a period immediately
3 preceding an election.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 156

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RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Concerning Early Voting and Voting by Absentee Ballot

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'B' (H-587)
Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-14	General	Referendum	Standard

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.