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Date: 5/23/13 Minority L.D. 587
(Filing No. H-230)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 406, L.D. 587, Bill, "An Act To Designate Election Day as an Official State Holiday"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study Election Day Holiday Options'

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

'Sec. 1. Secretary of State to convene working group. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall convene a working group to study the feasibility of different election day holiday options, using existing resources at no additional cost to the State. The working group shall examine costs and savings to the State and school districts, costs and savings in other states that have implemented similar holidays, effects on voter turnout in other states that have implemented similar holidays and how other states implemented similar holidays. The working group must include a representative from the Office of the Secretary of State, a representative from a statewide organization focused on voting issues and 2 representatives who are residents of the State; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 30, 2014, the working group shall report the results of the study under section 1 along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may submit a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. The amendment directs the Secretary of State to convene a working group to study election day holiday options. The amendment requires the working group to report to the Joint Standing Committee on

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1 State and Local Government by January 30, 2014 and provides the committee with the
2 opportunity to submit a bill related to the subject matter of the report.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 587

LR 1395(02)

An Act To Designate Election Day as an Official State Holiday

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: State and Local Government

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 convening the study group and reporting the results can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.