

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

127TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 72, L.D. 197, Bill, "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §671-A in subsection 2 in the 8th line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "3 business days to provide the" and inserting the following: '5 business days to provide the municipal clerk, deputy clerk,'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §671-A in subsection 5 in paragraph B in the 3rd line (page 2, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "3rd" and inserting the following: '5th'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §671-A in subsection 5 in paragraph C in the 2nd line (page 3, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "3" and inserting the following: '5'

Amend the bill in section 3 in §671-A in subsection 6 in the first line (page 3, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "3" and inserting the following: '5'

Amend the bill by adding after section 4 the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF
Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 72, L.D. 197

1 Initiative: Provides funding to produce state identification cards for voters who do not
2 have another valid photographic identification and to modify the state identification card
3 application to add an attestation statement.

4	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
5	All Other	\$321,635	\$31,045
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$321,635</u>	<u>\$31,045</u>

8 Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

9 Initiative: Provides funding for printing provisional ballot envelopes and ballot affidavits.

10	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
11	All Other	\$40,600	\$40,600
12			
13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$40,600</u>	<u>\$40,600</u>

14 SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF 15 DEPARTMENT TOTALS

16		2015-16	2016-17
17	GENERAL FUND	\$362,235	\$71,645
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19	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$362,235</u>	<u>\$71,645</u>
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21 SUMMARY

22 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, increases from 3 to 5
23 the number of days a voter who voted by provisional ballot has to provide an election
24 clerk with a valid form of photo identification. It clarifies that the photo identification
25 may also be provided to a municipal clerk or a deputy municipal clerk. Finally, the
26 amendment adds a mandate preamble and an appropriations and allocations section to the
27 bill.

28 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

29 (See attached)



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LD 197

LR 1139(02)

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

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (5-27)
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$362,235	\$71,645	\$71,645	\$71,645
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$362,235	\$71,645	\$71,645	\$71,645

State Mandates

Required Activity

Establishes an additional provisional voting process requiring election officials to track provisional ballot affidavits, complete a provisional ballot log and report the status of all provisional ballots to the Secretary of State.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Moderate statewide

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires a voter to show valid photographic identification before voting. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$362,235 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$71,645 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Secretary of State to produce state identification cards for voters who do not have another valid photographic identification, modify the state identification card application to add an attestation statement and print provisional ballot envelopes and ballot affidavits. There are currently 235,207 individuals 18 or over who do not have a driver's license or state identification card. This analysis assumes 73% of these individuals (the average percentage of registered voters who voted in the last 3 presidential elections) would choose to vote and that 60% of these individuals would need a free identification card.