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L.D. 1418

Date: 6/15/15

Minority

(Filing No. H-427)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 965, L.D. 1418, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for a Lieutenant Governor and Change the Line of Succession for Governor"

Amend the resolution on page 7 in section 1 by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

'The Secretary of State in office on December 31, 2017 retains all authority and responsibilities of the former Office of Secretary of State as set forth in law and assumes the authority and responsibilities of the Office of Lieutenant Governor as set forth in this Constitution until the Lieutenant Governor takes office on January 2, 2019.'

Amend the resolution on page 7 in section 1-A in the first line (page 7, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "If" and inserting the following: 'If Beginning on January 2, 2019, if

Amend the resolution on page 9 by striking out all of the question (page 9, lines 14 to 26 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

' "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to replace the position of Secretary of State with the position of Lieutenant Governor, elected on the same ballot as the Governor?" '

Amend the resolution on page 9 in the 2nd indented paragraph from the end in the 2nd line from the end (page 9, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "on the date of the proclamation" and inserting the following: 'on January 1, 2018'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment:

1. Delays the effective date for the changes approved by the voters at the November 2015 election until January 2018. The changes apply to the statewide election in November 2018;

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2. Requires the Secretary of State in office on December 31, 2017 to continue to carry out the duties of the Secretary of State until a Lieutenant Governor takes office on January 2, 2019. These duties include those identified as duties of the Lieutenant Governor in the Constitution of Maine once the resolution goes into effect; and

3. Simplifies the ballot question.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-427)
Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs

Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
Nov-15	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.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

If approved by the voters, this Constitutional amendment would replace the position of Secretary of State with the position of Lieutenant Governor effective in January 2019. It is unknown at this time whether the salaries of the two positions would be comparable or whether additional costs might be incurred.