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An Act To Repeal the Ranked-choice Voting Law

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, COLLINS of York, HILL of York, President
THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, FREDETTE of Newport,
MARTIN of Eagle Lake, TUCKER of Brunswick.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§27-C**, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §1, is repealed.

3 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§35-A**, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §2, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §601, sub-§2, ¶J**, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §3, is
5 repealed.

6 **Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §722, sub-§1**, as amended by IB 2015, c. 3, §4, is further
7 amended to read:

8 **1. How tabulated.** The Secretary of State shall tabulate all votes that appear by an
9 election return to have been cast for each question or candidate whose name appeared on
10 the ballot. ~~For offices elected by ranked choice voting, the Secretary of State shall~~
11 ~~tabulate the votes according to the ranked choice voting method described in section~~
12 ~~723-A.~~ The Secretary of State shall tabulate the votes that appear by an election return to
13 have been cast for a declared write-in candidate and shall tabulate the votes that appear to
14 have been cast for an undeclared write-in candidate based on a recount requested and
15 conducted pursuant to section 737-A, subsection 2-A.

16 **Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §723-A**, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §5, is repealed.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill repeals provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes establishing ranked-choice
19 voting enacted by the voters with Initiated Bill 2015, chapter 3.