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L.D. 1083

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## VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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### STATE OF MAINE

### SENATE

### 129TH LEGISLATURE

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 315, L.D. 1083, Bill, "An Act To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Presidential Primary and General Elections in Maine"

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

**'An Act To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Presidential General Elections in Maine'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1, sub-§27-C**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 316, §1, is amended to read:

**27-C. Elections determined by ranked-choice voting.** "Elections determined by ranked-choice voting" means any of the following elections in which 3 or more candidates have qualified to be listed on the ballot for a particular office or at least 2 such candidates plus one or more declared write-in candidates have qualified for that particular office:

- A. Primary elections for the offices of United States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator and State Representative;
- B. General and special elections for the offices of United States Senator and United States Representative to Congress; and
- D. General elections for presidential electors.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §801, sub-§2** is enacted to read:

**2. Counting of ballots.** Counting of ballots for candidates for President must proceed according to the ranked-choice method of counting votes described in section 723-A.

**Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §805, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is amended to read:

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT





# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1083

LR 1160(03)

## An Act To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Presidential Primary and General Elections in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-314)  
Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Referendum Costs	Month/Year	Election Type	Question	Length
	Nov-19	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 \$172,000 may be required.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides for ranked-choice voting for general elections for presidential electors if approved at a statewide referendum election. Ranked-choice voting is currently in place for state primary elections and general elections for federal Congressional candidates. Requiring ranked-choice voting for general elections for presidential electors is not expected to add significant costs for this expansion.