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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 960, L.D. 1332, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require State and Congressional Elections To Be Decided by a Plurality of Votes Cast"

Amend the resolution by striking out all of Section 26 (page 1, lines 14 to 16 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Section 26. Congressional and presidential elections. A primary, general or special election for United States Representative or United States Senator must be decided by a plurality of votes cast. A primary election for President of the United States and a general election for presidential elector must be decided by a plurality of votes cast.'

Amend the resolution by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 23 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require that a primary election for President of the United States, State Representative, State Senator or Governor be decided by a plurality of votes cast, that a general election for presidential elector be decided by a plurality of votes cast and that a primary, general or special election for United States Representative or United States Senator be decided by a plurality of votes cast?"

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that a primary election for President of the United States and a general election for presidential elector must be decided by a plurality of votes cast.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1332

LR 1525(02)

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Require State and Congressional Elections To Be Decided by a Plurality of Votes Cast

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

A (H-233)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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.