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H.P. 1066

House of Representatives, April 2, 2019

An Act Concerning Elections in Maine Congressional Districts

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and
Representatives: MORRIS of Turner, PRESCOTT of Waterboro, STETKIS of Canaan,
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, GUERIN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA c. 9, sub-c. 7** is enacted to read:

3 **SUBCHAPTER 7**

4 **VOTING IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

5 **§871. Voters of congressional districts to choose method of voting**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the voters of a
7 congressional district shall determine by referendum vote the method used in that
8 congressional district to elect their Representative to Congress. The voters of a
9 congressional district may choose to elect their Representative to Congress by plurality
10 voting or by ranked-choice voting.

11 **Sec. 2. Referendum in congressional districts.** A referendum as described in
12 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 871 must be held in each congressional
13 district on a date established by the Secretary of State, but not later than 180 days after
14 the effective date of this Act.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill provides that the voters of a congressional district must determine by
17 referendum vote the method used in that congressional district to elect their
18 Representative to Congress. The voters of a congressional district may choose to elect
19 their Representative to Congress by plurality voting or by ranked-choice voting. The bill
20 requires that such a referendum be held in each congressional district on a date
21 established by the Secretary of State, but not later than 180 days after the effective date of
22 the legislation.