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House of Representatives, February 7, 2023

**An Act to Prevent a Conflict of Interest in State Elections by
Requiring the Secretary of State to Resign Before Running for
Elected Office**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BOYER of Poland, COLLINGS of Portland, DRINKWATER of Milford,
GREENWOOD of Wales, HYMES of Waldo, RISEMAN of Harrison, RUDNICKI of
Fairfield, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §81-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§81-B. Resignation required; candidacy in election**

4 The Secretary of State shall resign from office if the Secretary of State becomes a
5 candidate in any election. For purposes of this section, "any election" has the same meaning
6 as in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection 2 and "candidate" has the same meaning as in Title
7 21-A, section 1, subsection 5.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires the Secretary of State to resign from office if the Secretary of State
10 becomes a candidate in any election.