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MAJORITY

(Filing No S-252)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S P 245, L D 577, “An Act to Increase Availability of Election Information on Local Government Websites”

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

'An Act to Increase Availability and Security of Election Information on Government Websites'

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

'Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §611 is enacted to read

§611. Online access to election information

By January 1, 2026, the Secretary of State shall provide a publicly accessible website or equivalent online platform through which voters may access information about upcoming elections, including local elections to the extent that municipalities provide information on local elections to the Secretary of State in accordance with Title 30-A, section 2506. The publicly accessible website or online platform must allow a voter to look up the polling location for the address at which the voter is registered.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §612 is enacted to read

§612. Security

The Secretary of State may work with municipalities to increase cybersecurity related to elections, including assisting municipalities with the development or migration of online platforms to secure domains.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §2506 is enacted to read

§2506 Online access to election information

A municipal clerk may make available to the Secretary of State information about upcoming local elections for the purposes set forth in Title 21-A, section 611.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
2 allocations are made

3 **SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF**

4 **Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692**

5 Initiative Provides funding for 2 Digital Navigator positions and related All Other costs to
6 administer and oversee the publicly accessible websites that contain local election
7 information

8	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
9	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0 000	2 000
10	Personal Services	\$0	\$224,403
11	All Other	\$0	\$33,621
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$258,024

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15 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
16 number to read consecutively

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SUMMARY

18 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and
19 changes the title It requires the Secretary of State to provide a publicly accessible website
20 or equivalent online platform for voters to access information about upcoming elections,
21 including local elections to the extent municipalities provide information on local elections
22 to the Secretary of State It permits the Secretary of State to work with municipalities to
23 increase cybersecurity related to elections It permits a municipal clerk to provide the
24 Secretary of State with information on upcoming local elections It creates 2 positions
25 within the Department of the Secretary of State to develop and manage the publicly
26 accessible website and provide support to municipalities

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 577

LR 1100(02)

An Act to Increase Availability of Election Information on Local Government Websites

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-252)
Committee: State and Local Government
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$258,024	\$241,146	\$250,294
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$258,024	\$241,146	\$250,294

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Secretary of State of \$258,024 in fiscal year 2023-24 for 2 Digital Navigator positions and related All Other to administer and oversee the websites that contain local municipal election information and to work with municipalities to increase security related to elections