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L D. 1568
(Filing No H-542)

VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 1013, L D 1568, "An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes"

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §674, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2003, c 447, §14, is further amended to read

B Interferes with a voter attempting to cast a vote, including by knowingly blocking or attempting to block a voter's access to a secured drop box,

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §752-B, sub-§3-A is enacted to read

3-A. Access to secured drop box. During the absentee voting period, to the extent possible, a municipality shall ensure that a path to each secured drop box is clear of all barriers'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The amendment provides that interfering with a voter attempting to cast a vote, which is a Class E crime, includes knowingly blocking or attempting to block a voter's access to a secured drop box. It also provides that, during the absentee voting period, to the extent possible, a municipality must ensure that a path to each secured drop box is clear of all barriers.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1568

LR 1085(02)

An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A (H-542)

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.