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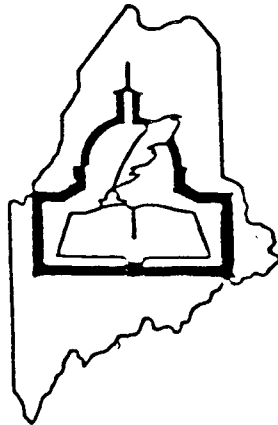
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BILL SUMMARY



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agency would be required to show how the rule meets, exceeds, or departs from the standards or provisions in federal/state laws or rules.

The purpose of the bill is to provide the public with more information about and a better understanding of proposed rules. In addition, the bill sought to force state agencies to adopt rules that more closely comply with legislative or Congressional intent.

The Committee amended the bill (Committee Amendment "A"-S-20) to require only that agencies refer to the underlying federal or state law or regulation that serves as a basis of the proposed rule. since agency rules cannot depart from state/federal law or federal rules, the requirement for this evaluation was removed.

LD:	378	AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE DAY OF THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION A STATE HOLIDAY HANDY	TUTTLE PAUL MATTHEWS Z
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SUMMARY:

LD 378 proposed to establish general election day in Maine as a state holiday in order to increase voter participation at the polls.

According to the Council of State Governments, 20 states have established election day as a paid holiday for state employees only. Two states, Kentucky and Montana, provide state employees a vacation day for the presidential election only.

The bill was rejected by the committee because of the lack of evidence that a state holiday would significantly increase voter participation at the polls. Another reason for the bill's rejection is the cost that would be incurred by the private sector, and particularly the impact on Maine's business climate. Since no other state establishes election day as a state holiday, Maine's private sector would suffer from the competition with the private sectors in other states.