



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Clarify Voting Procedures for Standard Water Districts

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Hobbins of Saco

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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State Mandate - Unfunded

State Mandates

Required Activity

Municipalities will be required to use the secret ballot voting method when a water district enacts or amends their charter by referendum, elects trustees, or establishes or amends their debt limit by referendum. The secret ballot voting method requires printing ballots, manning polling locations and managing the election/referendum process.

Unit Affected

Municipality
Public Utility

Local Cost

Moderate
statewide

The required local activities in this bill may represent a State mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a Mandate Preamble is amended to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, municipalities may not be required to implement these changes.