



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Strengthen Maine's Election Laws by Requiring Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$362,235	\$71,645	\$71,645	\$71,645
Appropriations/Allocations				
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State Mandates

Required Activity

Establishes an additional provisional voting process requiring election officials to track provisional ballot affidavits, complete a provisional ballot log and report the status of all provisional ballots to the Secretary of State.

Unit Affected

Municipality

Local Cost

Moderate statewide

Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional costs.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation requires a voter to show valid photographic identification before voting. The bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$362,235 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$71,645 in fiscal year 2016-17 to the Department of Secretary of State to produce state identification cards for voters who do not have another valid photographic identification, modify the state identification card application to add an attestation statement and print provisional ballot envelopes and ballot affidavits. There are currently 235,207 individuals 18 or over who do not have a driver's license or state identification card. This analysis assumes 73% of these individuals (the average percentage of registered voters who voted in the last 3 presidential elections) would choose to vote and that 60% of these individuals would need a free identification card.