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In Senate, February 13, 2023

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

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BEEBE-CENTER of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and
Senator: DUSON of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §611** is enacted to read:

3 **§611. Online access to election information**

4 The Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, shall develop and maintain a web
5 page on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website that includes general
6 information on state and local elections. Upon request from a municipal or county official,
7 the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, shall post on the web page a link to the
8 municipal or county government's publicly accessible website or web page containing
9 general information on state and local elections. Upon request from a municipal or county
10 official, the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, shall provide a template of its
11 web page for use by a municipal or county government.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, to: develop and
14 maintain a web page on its publicly accessible website, with general information on state
15 and local elections; include a link to municipal or county governments' publicly accessible
16 websites or web pages containing general information on state and local elections; and
17 provide a template of its web page to municipal and county governments.